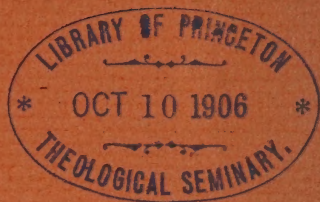


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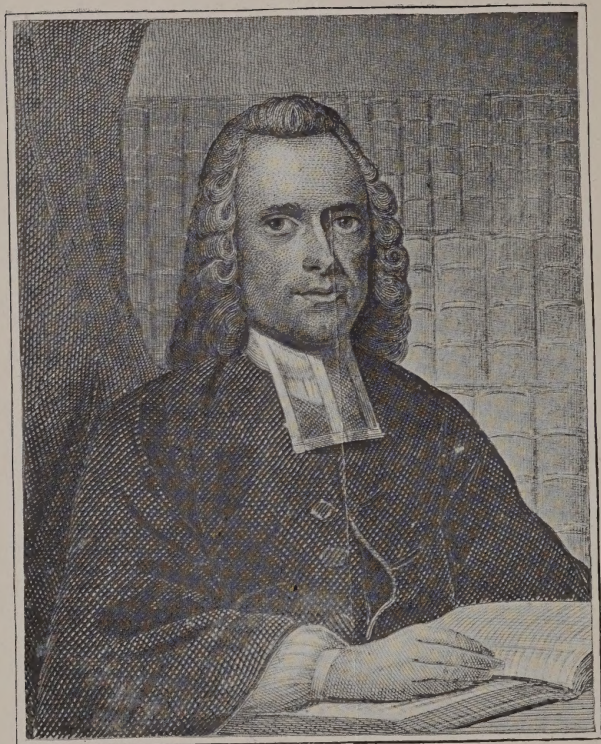
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Elders:—Peter C. Wiest, Jonas Deisinger, M.D.,^e Israel Laucks, Henry Inners.^f

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D., J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Joseph W. Santee, D.D., Atvill Conner, Adam S. Weber, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Barton R. Carnahan, Isaac M. Motter, Frederick W. Bald, George A. Snyder, George W. Snyder, A. Thomas G. Apple, Charles W. Levan.⁴

Elders:—Prof. Joseph H. Apple, Jacob H. Cost, Martin C. Coblentz, John Gassman, Atvill Conner, Sen.,^h Charles M. Zumstein,^h W. Scott Kefauver, Oliver A. Haines, Andrew A. Hammar,^h Abraham Hemp,^e William H. Boyer, Goldsborough S. Griffith,^{2h} David Miller.^{2h}

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—Isaac N. Peightel, Charles A. Santee, Edward O. Keen, William M. Deatrick, D.D., Franklin F. Bahner, D.D., Jonas B. Shontz.

Elders:—Samuel K. Clever, Samuel Hoefflich, John H. Shook, Daniel M. B. Shannon,^h J. Calvin Fuss,² George A. Wood.²

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Nehemiah H. Skyles, James B. Stonesifer, Albert B. Bauman, Lewis T. Lampe, George G. Everhart.

Elders:—James H. Myers, John S. Crawn, John H. Show, William A. Pence,⁴ William D. Levy.^k

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers:—J. M. Luther Lyerly.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—George P. Stem, Walter E. Krebs, Francis S. Lindaman, John H. Hartman,^{4f} Peter E. Heimer,^{4h} Marsby J. Roth.⁴

Elders:—William J. Feezer, Joseph Gelbach,^h Abraham G. Keagy,^{2h} Jacob A. March,^h Jacob H. Shriver,^{4h} P. Edward Rafensperger.^{4h}

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—William R. H. Deatrich, D.D., J. David Miller, Miles O. Noll, Henry H. Ranck.

Elders:—John H. Sheibly, Samuel S. Brenner, Moses Hess, Charles Weirich.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—John W. Pontius, Charles E. Creitz, Edward W. Stonebraker, Thomas K. Cromer, John F. Moyer, Edward F. Wiest, Daniel G. Hetrick, Lewis Robb.⁴

Elders:—Jonas C. Imler,^h Henry A. Neff, John Brewster, Jacob L. Weber, John H. Stephens, Isaac K. Little, Jackson L. Grove, Dr. Amos C. Daniel.^h

IX.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier occupied the seat of Rev. C. W. Levan, during the first three sessions, and that of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, during the sessions of Friday; Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., that of Rev. L. Robb, during the first three sessions; Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., that of Rev. J. W. Pontius, during Monday's sessions; and Elder Henry S. Walck that of Elder J. H. Shook, during the sessions of Saturday.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis:—Revs. William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, Conrad Clever, D.D., Alexander Bateman, William C. Sykes, Cyrus Cort, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, Samuel H. Dietzel, George M. Zacharias, William C. B. Shulenberger, Elder J. Taylor Motter.

Mercersburg Classis:—Revs. Irwin M. Beaver, William M. Irvine, Ph.D., George B. Russell, D.D., Elder Henry S. Walck.

Virginia Classis:—Revs. Calvin B. Heller, Jacob S. Garrison, John W. Rauch, Elder Daniel S. Rentch.

North Carolina Classis:—Revs. Jacob C. Leonard, William H. Stubblebine.

Gettysburg Classis:—Rev. J. Marion Mickly, and Elders George N. Forney, Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis:—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D., Elder George A. Wagner.

Juniata Classis:—Revs. Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Louis C. Harnish, Eugene L. McLean, Homer S. May, Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. Adam C. Whitmer, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, John G. Noss, Rufus W. Miller, Elder Prof. Jefferson E. Kershner, Ph.D.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Ambrose M. Schmidt, Charles R. Ferner, David A. Souder.

Synod of the Interior:—Rev. John W. Love, D.D.

Ministers of Other Churches.

Lutheran Church:—Revs. Dr. Owen, G. C. H. Haaskarl, Ph.D., C. O. Hoy, V. Miller.

Presbyterian Church:—Revs. Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., George B. Wilson.

Methodist Church:—Rev. W. W. Van Arsdale.

United Brethren Church:—Rev. J. W. Owen.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. J. David Miller, *President*, Duncannon, Pa.

Elder J. H. Apple, *Vice-President*, Frederick, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. A. B. Bauman, *Corresponding Secretary*, Harrisville, Va.

Rev. C. E. Creitz, *Reading Clerk*, Huntingdon, Pa.

Elder George N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House*.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 o'clock and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, G. A. Snyder, B. R. Carnahan, and Elders J. H. Cost, J. Gassman.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, I. M. Motter, H. M. J. Klein, and Elders J. Deisinger, S. K. Clever.

Overtures.—Revs. W. R. H. Deatrick, H. J. Hillegass, F. A. Lindaman, and Elders H. Inners, M. C. Coblentz.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, J. B. Stonesifer, D. G. Hetrick, and Elders I. Laucks, J. H. Apple.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eschbach, W. E. Krebs, and Elders A. Conner, Sen., C. M. Zumstein.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. C. Clever, J. W. Santee, A. S. Weber, and Elders W. S. Kefauver, S. Hoeflich.

Education.—Revs. I. N. Peightel, A. T. G. Apple, T. F. Hoffmeier, and Elders O. A. Haines, J. H. Myers.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. C. A. Santee, J. B. Shontz, F. W. Bald, and Elders A. A. Hammar, D. M. B. Shannon.

Missions.—Revs. F. F. Bahner, N. H. Skyles, H. H. Ranck, and Elders J. S. Crown, J. Gilbach.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. M. O. Noll, J. W. Pontius, T. K. Cromer, and Elders J. C. Imler, H. A. Neff.

Publication.—Revs. J. F. Moyer, G. G. Everhart, F. A. Rupley, Sen., and Elders J. H. Stephens, J. H. Sheibly.

Finance.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, C. E. Creitz, A. B. Bauman, and Elders J. H. Shook, I. K. Little.

Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund.—Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Elders I. Laucks, J. N. Slagle.

Nominations.—Revs. A. S. Weber, E. W. Stonebraker, E. F. Wiest, and Elders M. Hess, C. Weirich.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. G. P. Stem, J. M. L. Lyerly, L. T. Lampe, and Elders J. L. Weber, J. Brewster.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday Evening.—Services in celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary, presided over by the President of Synod. Liturgical services by Revs. J. O. Miller and T. F. Hoffmeier. Addresses by Revs. C. Cort and E. R. Eschbach, as appointed last year.

Thursday Evening.—Home Missionary Anniversary, presided over by Rev. A. S. Weber. Liturgical services by Revs. J. A. Hoffheins and G. P. Stem. Addresses by Revs. A. C. Whitmer and J. F. Moyer.

Friday Evening.—Educational Meeting to consider the needs and prospects of our educational institutions. Presided over by Rev. F. A. Rupley, Sen. Liturgical services by Revs. J. B. Shontz and H. M. J. Klein. Addresses by Revs. A. M. Schmidt and J. C. Leonard.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Service. Liturgical services by Revs. E. W. Stonebraker and E. F. Wiest. Sermon by Rev. W. E. Krebs.

Saturday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary. Presided over by Elder G. S. Griffith. Liturgical services by Revs. C. B. Heller and A. B. Bauman. Addresses by Revs. R. W. Miller and L. Robb.

Sunday Morning.—Communion Service. Liturgical services by Revs. E. R. Eschbach and G. G. Everhart. Sermon by the President of Synod.

Sunday Evening.—Foreign Missionary Anniversary. Liturgical services by Revs. B. R. Carnahan and E. O. Keen. Addresses by Revs. S. N. Callender and A. S. Weber.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school Service. Addresses by Revs. R. W. Miller, M. O. Noll, and H. M. J. Klein.

Christ Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. J. C. Leonard; evening, Rev. A. S. Weber.

Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. M. O. Noll; evening, Rev. L. Robb.

St. John's Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. A. T. G. Apple; evening, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. C. W. Levan; evening, Rev. H. H. Ranck.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. F. A. Rupley, Sen.; evening, Rev. M. J. Roth.

St. Paul's M. E. Church.—Morning, Rev. G. P. Stem; evening, Rev. I. N. Peightel.

Washington Square M. E. Church.—Morning, Rev. H. J. Hillegass; evening, Rev. E. W. Stonebraker.

Christian Church.—Morning, Rev. F. W. Bald; evening, Rev. T. K. Cromer.

United Brethren Church, East Franklin Street.—Morning, Rev. E. R. Deatrick; evening, Rev. N. H. Skyles.

United Brethren Church, Church Street.—Morning, Rev. J. B. Stonesifer; evening, Rev. C. E. Creitz.

United Evangelical Church.—Morning, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly; evening, Rev. E. F. Wiest.

German Baptist Church.—Morning, Rev. C. E. Creitz.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after a careful inspection of them, to report the following items, in our judgment, as claiming the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. A Standing Committee on Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee, Rev. T. J. Barkley is Chairman.

Item 2, page 7. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present sessions of the Synod; of which committee, Rev. A. F. Dreisbach is Chairman.

Item 3, page 12. The Board of Regents is instructed to furnish the Synod annually with a properly audited summar-

ized statement of the receipts and expenditures of said institution, giving the financial condition of the College.

Item 4, page 13. The Classes are directed to make a proper record in regard to their vote on the re-submitted Constitution sent down by the General Synod for approval or rejection.

Item 5, page 41. Revs. A. S. Weber, F. F. Bahner and M. M. Noacher are appointed a committee to co-operate with the President of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., to solicit funds for the contemplated Twenty Thousand Dollars Endowment of said institution.

Item 6, page 47. The Special Committee appointed to co-operate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, reported progress, and is continued; of which committee, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is Chairman.

Item 7, page 48. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, whose terms of service will shortly terminate.

Item 8, page 58. The attention of the Zion's and Maryland Classes, delinquent in the payment of their apportionments for the Chicago church, is called to the matter, and they are urged to make payment in full by the first of last December.

Item 9, page 59. The Classes are requested to join heartily in the proper observance of the Sesqui-Centennial, during the present year, and make earnest efforts in behalf of the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund of \$100,000 for Church Extension Work.

Item 10, page 61. It becomes the duty of Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the places of those whose terms of service are about to expire.

Item 11, pages 65-66. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Work among the Germans, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Calvin College, Catawba College, Harbor Missions, Contingent Fund of Synod, and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 12, page 66. Arrearages are noted as existing on apportionments for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, and Chicago Mission Church.

Item 13, page 67. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, in place of Elder Jacob N. Slagle, whose term of service will end on the 1st of next January.

Item 14, page 75. The Stated Clerk is directed to have

twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1896 published.

Item 15, page 78. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually, in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October, in each Synodical year.

Item 16, page 82. The Special Committee, appointed in 1895, to devise a plan for the transaction of the business of Synod, reported progress, and is continued; of which Rev. J. C. Bowman is Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 5, and 6, see Article XIII., Education; on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; the action contained in item 3 was reiterated; on items 4, 8, 9, and 15, see Article X., Minutes of Classes; items 7, 10, and 13 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 11 and 12, see Articles X. and XV., Minutes of Classes and Finance; on item 14, see Article XX., Publication. The committee under item 16, having failed to report, was discharged.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from the President of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions, appealing to the Synod to adopt measures by which to relieve the Board of its pressing financial embarrassment.

Item 2. A communication from the Superintendent of Missions, respecting the sale of the church property, by the congregation at Napa, California.

Item 3. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, notifying Synod of the expiration of the term of service of George N. Forney as a member of said Board.

Item 4. The report of the Committee on the House of our Professor, in connection with which is the report of the Auditing Committee.

Item 5. The report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Item 6. The 34th annual report of Bethany Orphan Home, in printed form, with written additional facts.

Item 7. The annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 8. A communication from the American Anti-Saloon League, accompanying which is its Constitution and its Address to the People, with the request that two delegates be sent to the next convention.

Item 9 is a Memoir of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, by the President of the Society, containing the Charter, Enabling Act, and the By-Laws.

Item 10. The report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

Item 11. A communication from Elder John E. Roller, respecting his absence from Synod.

Item 12. The report of the Rev. Dr. Ruetenik, respecting Calvin College.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. H. DEATRICH, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on items 3, 4, 5, and 12, see Article XIII., Education.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Zion's Classis enrolled as a delegate, an elder who had not been chosen by the charge to represent it.

2. Virginia Classis fails to give a correct record of one of its special meetings, there being no copy of call recorded.
3. North Carolina Classis fails to give exact copy of call for a special meeting.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

4. Maryland Classis overtures Synod to provide a fund of \$500 to secure copies of valuable documents from the Holland archives pertaining to the Michael Schlatter period.
5. Mercersburg Classis overtures Synod to reduce its apportionment for Home Missions to the extent of three hundred dollars.
6. Virginia Classis petitions the Board of Education, through the Synod of the Potomac, for a modification of its rules governing beneficiary students, in so far as they interfere with the personal liberties of beneficiary students.
7. North Carolina Classis requests Synod to excuse it from its apportionments for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions and for Calvin College, and calls the attention of Synod to its action last year concerning Home Missions and Beneficiary Education.
8. Portland-Oregon Classis requests Synod to dismiss them to the Synod of the Northwest.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

None.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

9. The Revised Constitution.
Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata Classes approved it.
Zion and Portland-Oregon rejected it; and North Carolina referred it to a Special Committee, who recorded a protest against its adoption.
10. Zion's Classis accepted and approved all the recommendations of Synod, except the apportionment for Church Building, and the arrearage for Chicago Mission, which latter was stricken from the report.
11. Maryland Classis accepted all of Synod's recommendations, but assumed \$600 only for Beneficiary Education. It paid \$42 on Chicago Mission and re-apportioned the remainder.
12. Mercersburg Classis declined to accept the apportionment for the Theological Seminary, but approved all the other recommendations.
13. Virginia Classis assumed only \$300 for Home Missions, \$35 for Bohemian and Hungarian Missions, \$200 for Beneficiary Education; declined to accept apportionment for Work among the Germans, and accedes to all other requests.
14. North Carolina Classis approved of everything, but

declined to accept the sums apportioned for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Beneficiary Education, and Calvin College.

15. Gettysburg and Carlisle Classes approved all requests, and the latter Classis recorded the items on arrearages—"attended to."

16. Juniata Classis approved all, excepting that it assumed only \$600 for Beneficiary Education.

17. Portland-Oregon Classis approved the recommendations of Synod, and expressed regrets that no copy of its Minutes was furnished last year.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

18. Zion's Classis—Rev. Reuben Rahausser died.

19. Maryland Classis licensed Frederick Cromer, Ezra D. Lantz, R. Frank Main; received Rev. Samuel H. Dietzel from Westmoreland Classis, and dismissed Licentiate F. Cromer to Tiffin Classis, and E. D. Lantz to Iowa Classis.

20. Mercersburg Classis licensed James M. Mullan; dismissed Rev. George S. Gill to Illinois Classis, and Licentiate J. M. Mullan to Carlisle Classis; and struck from the roll the name of Rev. Jonathan W. Miller.

21. Virginia Classis licensed Charles A. Bushong; received Licentiate Raymond R. Jones from Wyoming Classis and ordained him; and dismissed Rev. John T. Balliet to Somerset Classis.

22. North Carolina Classis ordained Licentiate Clarence Clapp (in 1896) and Theodore C. Hesson; received Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine from Wyoming Classis, and Licentiate Theodore C. Hesson from Gettysburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. Andrew H. Smith to Allegheny Classis.

23. Gettysburg Classis licensed Urban C. E. Gutelius, Theodore C. Hesson, Leander J. Rohrbaugh; received Rev. Paul M. Spangler from East Pennsylvania Classis; dismissed Licentiates L. J. Rohrbaugh to Lehigh Classis, U. C. E. Gutelius to Somerset Classis, and T. C. Hesson to North Carolina Classis.

24. Carlisle Classis licensed Henry H. Hartman and Henry E. Hibschan; ordained Licentiates Henry H. Ranck, Henry E. Hibschan and James M. Mullan; received Licentiates H. H. Ranck from Lancaster Classis of Eastern Synod, and J. M. Mullan from Mercersburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. James M. Runkle to West Susquehanna Classis, Joseph W. Bell to Wyoming Classis, and Licentiates H. H. Hartman to Philadelphia Classis, and C. E. Wagner to Westmoreland Classis.

25. Juniata Classis licensed Adolphus Walker; ordained Licentiate James N. Wagenhurst; received Rev. Edward F.

Wiest from Philadelphia Classis, and Licentiate J. M. Wagenhurst from Lehigh Classis; and dismissed the latter to the West New Jersey Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

26. Portland-Oregon Classis struck the name of Rev. A. Bauman from its roll.

VI.—Places and Times of the Next Annual Meetings.

27. Zion's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Kreutz Creek, York county, Pa., May 3d, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. F. C. Yost, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. Deisinger, *Treasurer*.

28. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Walkersville, Frederick county, Md., May 18th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

29. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Shippensburg, Pa., May 19th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

30. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Lovettsville, Loudon county, Va., May 18th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. Ditzler, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

31. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Newton, N. C., May 12th, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. L. Murphy, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

32. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at New Oxford, Pa., May 14th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. J. Roth, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

33. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 18th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30, P. M. Rev. M. O. Noll, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

34. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Saxton, Bedford county, Pa., May 19th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. F. Moyer, *President*; and Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

35. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of West Union, Oregon, June 2d, A. D. 1898. Rev. J. G. Schmid, *President*; Rev. H. Liesman, *Stated Clerk*; Elder F. Koellermeier, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 9, 11 to 35 inclusive, were severally adopted. The requests in items 4 and 5 were not granted. The request or petition in item 6 was not acceded to or granted. The North

Carolina Classis was exonerated from the payment of last year's apportionments for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions and Calvin College, but as it regards apportionments for Home Missions, said Classis is directed to pay them hereafter into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

The request of the Portland-Oregon Classis to be dismissed to the Synod of the Northwest, was granted, and the Classis was accordingly dismissed for the purpose of uniting with said Synod.

Item 10. - The amount, \$138.00, was re-apportioned upon Zion's Classis, and the Classis was kindly urged to pay the amount, inasmuch as it is still needed by the new church at Chicago, towards cancelling its indebtedness.

All the Classes were, on motion, requested to assume and pay their full apportionment hereafter.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

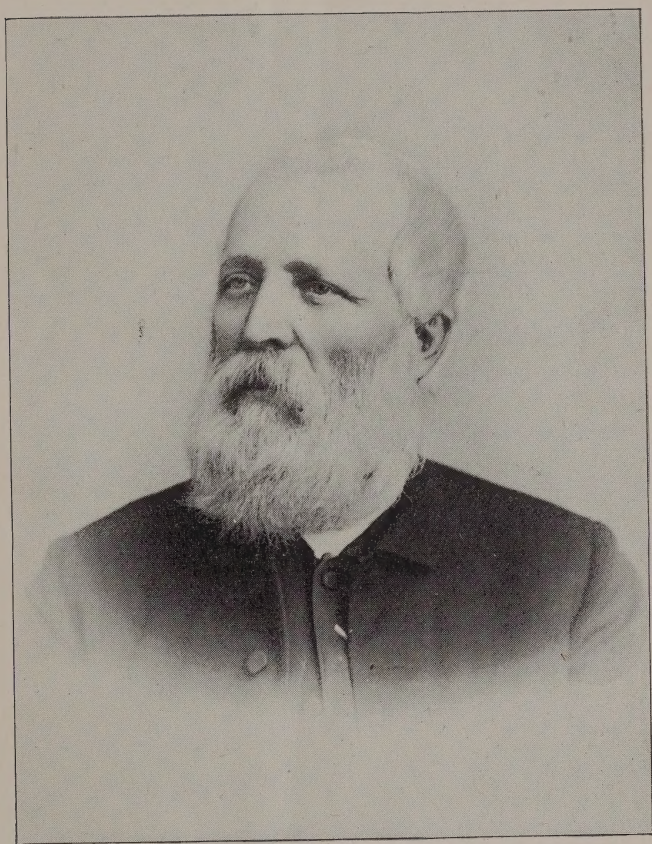
The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In a review of the past year, as presented in the reports of the Classes, there is much for gratitude and praise. There is a vein of hopefulness in every sphere of Christian work. It has not been in vain that the Word has been preached. The reapers are coming in, bringing their precious sheaves with them. Pastors have been gladdened in seeing sinners converted, back-sliders reclaimed and saints strengthened. The Lord has been adding unto the Church continually of such as shall be saved.

There is a growing faith in the power of the preached



REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D.
Stated Clerk of the Synod since its Organization.

Word and the faithful observance of the Sacraments. These fountains of divine energy have been flowing with all the fullness that marked them in the days when the giants drank of them and became strong. To those who have been engrafted into the covenant blessings of redemption, have been instructed in the knowledge of God and of His Word, the preaching has been the power of God and the wisdom of God unto their salvation. Some of the reports speak of a new interest in Sunday-school work. There has been an increase in quality and quantity, both in teaching and scholars. The Church is more and more using this means as the nursery from which are to be supplied the twigs out of which shall grow the trees of the Lord's own planting.

There is occasionally a complaint as to the amount of benevolence that has been reported. But on the whole, there has been a growth of the benevolent spirit. Men are beginning to realize that the sacrifice on the cross calls for sacrifice on the part of those who hope to receive all of its benefits. A soul that will not water, cannot expect to be watered in turn. Apostolic methods have been tried, and found to call forth streams of benevolence that shall make glad the city of our God.

The literature and periodicals of the Church have been recognized as agencies, by which a new life has been imparted to many portions of the Church. Where these are extensively circulated, there is found a field fertilized and ready for a bountiful harvest of good works and charity.

But while so much has been done, there is a sense of regret that more has not been accomplished. There is a feeling that somehow the powers of darkness should be put down with a steadier hand. The enemy sometimes comes in upon us with a flood that destroys some of our darling hopes. There seems to be an unreadiness for the larger light which will dawn upon the Church when it is ready to exclaim from an honest heart, "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus."

There is running through all the reports a steady determination to attain unto larger things. There is no doubt but we are capable of greater service and sacrifice. In every Classis there are men whose wealth has not been consecrated, energies that lie dormant, and methods that can be sanctified to the pulling down of the stronghold of sin and the building up of the saints. To the realization of such splendid possibilities even the most sluggish begin to bestir themselves, and the elect are all aglow with the "fine frenzy" that comes with the larger fellowship of the Spirit. Realizing a divine Providence in all things, a Captain who leads us on, who has never been worsted in a conflict or lost a battle, and a Holy Spirit whose energy is as really imparted to us as to the disciples in the

upper room, the Church moves forward with a confidence that startles the hosts of unbelief.

There is always an acknowledgment of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, coupled with a determination that the ministry shall not be found wanting in the day when He shall make up His jewels.

It becomes the sad duty of your committee to note the deaths of two of our fellow laborers during the Synodical year just ended, namely, Rev. George C. Erb and Rev. Reuben Rahausser. A fuller notice will, no doubt, be found under the Article of Ministerial Necrology.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *Chairman.*

For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Friday morning, which was received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to present the following annual report, for the year ending October 1st, 1897:

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report, namely: Rev. William C. Cremer, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*; and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*.

The Board held its regular annual meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., July 20th, 1897, when the organization for the year took place, the grade papers of the beneficiary students were carefully examined, showing their progress, and the annual appropriations were made for the present academic year. The Board was pained to learn that the average grade of several of its beneficiaries was below that of the average grade of the class to which they belong. They were admonished to be more earnest and faithful in their studies, else they would have to be dropped from the list of our beneficiary students. The Board does not believe that the funds of the Church should be given to young men, as beneficiary students, who lack either in mental ability or in faithful, earnest application to their studies, or in both particulars. The large majority of the Board's beneficiaries, we are pleased to know, are striving to be faithful

to their studies, and stand well in the several classes to which they belong.

The operations of the Board have been carried forward with a fair degree of prosperity and success, during the year just ended, notwithstanding the unusual financial depression that prevailed, during the larger portion of the year. An inspection of the Treasurer's Report will show the actual receipts and the payments of the Board to be larger than for two or three past years. The appropriations to the beneficiary students, under the care of the Board, were all paid, but unfortunately not as promptly as they were needed by the young men, or should have been paid. Last winter the Treasurer was greatly worried by the earnest appeals from the beneficiaries for their stipends, when there were no funds in the treasury. To inform them of this fact, increased his labors and added to his postage bill. It certainly seems unfair, that he should be unnecessarily burdened with such additional labor, when for full twenty-two years he has served the Synod and the Church as Treasurer of the Board of Education, without asking or receiving any salary whatever. Too many of the pastors neglect lifting their collections for this cause until near the time of the annual meetings of the Classes, apparently forgetting that the beneficiaries cannot wait until the close of the academic year for their appropriations. The funds should be in the treasury of the Board, so that payments can be made to them regularly in each of the three terms of the college year, and so avoid trouble and worry to the young men as well as to the Treasurer.

Six of the beneficiary students under our care and supervision have completed their studies, five of them having taken the full collegiate and theological course of training for the work of the holy ministry, whilst one of them took the full three years' course in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., but without having graduated from the college. They are Charles A. Bushong, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Theodore C. Hesson, Ezra D. Lantz, and James M. Mullan. They were all licensed to preach the Gospel, last May, by the respective Classes under whose care they pursued their studies as students for the ministry. Messrs. Hesson and Mullan are serving pastoral charges of our own Synod, Mr. Hartman of the Eastern Synod, and Mr. Gutelius of the Pittsburgh Synod. The remaining two are still without definite location, so far as we know at this writing.

Twenty-eight beneficiary students have been aided in their studies by funds from the treasury of your Board to the amount of \$3,380.80, in sums ranging from \$13.77 to \$150, during the past year. Five young men were enrolled as beneficiary students under our care and supervision, at the annual

meeting of the Board, namely: Charles B. Rebert, A.B., at the request of the Gettysburg Classis; Vernon S. Rice and Henry W. Kochenderfer, at that of the Carlisle Classis; Howard R. Miller, at that of the Virginia Classis; and George W. Beaver was re-enrolled at the request of the Juniata Classis. At present, twenty-eight beneficiaries are on our list, who hold their Classical connection as follows: Maryland Classis 5, Gettysburg Classis 5, Zion's Classis 5, Mercersburg Classis 4, Juniata Classis 4, Carlisle Classis 4, and Virginia Classis 1. They are George W. Beaver, Frederick C. Seitz and George W. Shellenberger, *Seminary Seniors*; Moses A. Kieffer, William G. Klein and Nevin L. Weidner, *Seminary Middlers*; John W. Gilds, Charles B. Rebert and Scott R. Wagner, *Seminary Juniors*; W. Stewart Cramer, John S. Heffner, William Kepner and John K. McKee, *College Seniors*; Robert L. Bair, Joseph E. Guy, John H. Smith and Charles A. Waltman, *College Juniors*; Blanchard A. Black, Frederick A. Cook, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, Charles B. Heinly and John E. Stone, *College Sophomores*; and John Alexander, Henry W. Kochenderfer, Howard R. Miller, Vernon S. Rice and Chalmers W. Walck, *College Freshmen*. It may be proper to state that sixteen of the above-named are connected with the institutions at Lancaster, Pa., eleven at Collegeville, and one at Tiffin, Ohio.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipts of the following sums for Beneficiary Education during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payments into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to present the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge, except in the cases of those Classes where the sources of the contributions were not specified:

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Gettysburg Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified \$575, and Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover \$150. Making \$725.

Maryland Classis.—Frederick Church \$100, Middletown Church \$65, St. Paul's Church of Baltimore \$49.50, First Church of Hagerstown \$49, Silver Run Charge \$46, First Church of Baltimore \$36.78, Manor Charge \$30, Utica Charge \$27, Christ Church Charge of Hagerstown \$25, Glade Charge \$23, Mount Moriah Charge \$23, Woodberry Church \$18, Christ Church of Baltimore \$13, Mount Pleasant Charge \$11, Faith Church of Baltimore \$11, Washington Mission \$10, Thurmont Charge \$10, Westminster Church \$6, Union Bridge

Charge \$5.60, Burkittsville Charge \$5, Braddock Church \$2.50, Grace Church of Baltimore \$2, sources of contributions not specified \$129.76, and refunded by a former beneficiary (D.) \$25. Making \$723.14.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg \$85, Waynesboro Charge \$70, Greencastle Church \$54.03, Grindstone-hill Charge \$45, St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro \$40, Ship-pensburg Charge \$35, Second Church of Chambersburg \$30, Mercersburg Charge \$19.11, St. Thomas Charge \$7, McCon-nellsburg Charge \$5, Mont Alto Charge \$3, interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy \$12, Rev. George B. Russell (special) \$25, and refunded by a former beneficiary (R.) \$60. Making \$490.14.

Juniata Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified \$467.27.

Zion's Classis.—First Church of York \$69.66, Paradise Charge \$50, Shrewsbury Charge \$49, Glen Rock Charge \$45.77, Trinity Charge \$41.07, Heidelberg Church \$37.13, Kreutz Creek Charge \$36.43, Grace Reformed Church of York \$26, Zion's Reformed Church of York \$15, and Mount Pleas-ant Charge \$5.14. Making \$375.80.

Carlisle Classis.—New Bloomfield Charge \$60, Zion's Charge \$58, Carlisle Church \$55, Mechanicsburg Church \$41.99, Landisburg Charge \$35.31, Carlisle Springs Charge \$25, Duncannon Charge \$23.24, and Newburg Church \$17.96. Making \$316.50.

Virginia Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified \$300.

Recapitulation.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 1st, 1896.....	\$ 317 90
Received from Gettysburg Classis.....	725 00
“ “ Maryland Classis	723 14
“ “ Mercersburg Classis	490 14
“ “ Juniata Classis	467 27
“ “ Zion's Classis	375 80
“ “ Carlisle Classis	316 50
“ “ Virginia Classis	300 00
Total receipts.....	\$3,715 75

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Paid to beneficiary students of Gettysburg Classis	\$ 950 00
“ “ “ Mercersburg Classis	560 00
“ “ “ Maryland Classis	510 00
“ “ “ Juniata Classis	425 00
“ “ “ Zion's Classis	375 80
“ “ “ Carlisle Classis	400 00
“ “ “ Virginia Classis	150 00
Paid for printing Rules and Regulations of the Board.....	2 50
Postage and stationery.....	4 10
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1897.....	338 35
Making	\$3,715 75

We do hereby certify, that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and payments, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the treasury to be \$338.35, on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1897.

J. W. SANTEE,
C. A. SANTEE.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:
To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to report as follows:

At our annual meeting in June, the Board organized by the re-election of the same officers as last year. It affords us pleasure to report the past as a most successful year. During the year closing in June, 1897, there was an attendance of one hundred and twelve students. Thirty-one of them finished the course prescribed. The opening of the school this year was under the most favorable auspices. One hundred and thirty pupils are on the roll; one hundred and nine are boarders, and twenty-one day scholars.

For the year ending June, 1897, the receipts of the school were.....	\$18,649 91
Expenses of the school, including salaries paid	16,344 19
Earnings above expenses	\$ 2,305 72

On the 31st day of March, 1897, we conveyed the property known as the "Professor House" at the southern side of the village of Mercersburg, to J. Montgomery Forster, of Harrisburg, in consideration of the sum of three thousand dollars. With this money all the liens on the property were paid, so that Mercersburg College, for the first time in almost a quarter of a century, is absolutely free from mortgage indebtedness.

It is with great gratification that we report that a friend of the institution, whose name, at his own request, is withheld, has contributed to the college the sum of two thousand dollars. This money is safely invested in an interest-bearing obligation. Under the terms of the gift, the principal is to be kept invested, and the interest used for the support of worthy students.

At the present time, the accommodations, even with the

enlarged building, are entirely inadequate for the needs of the school. It has been found necessary, though not desirable, to use the Preparatory Building at the other end of the town. There should be erected in the near future additional facilities for the accommodation of students.

We feel that the Giver of all good has especially blessed the efforts of the friends of this school, and we hope that your reverend body will aid it in every way possible. We assert, with great confidence, that it merits your support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., beg leave to present the following annual report:

Three regular meetings of the Board were held during the year, and the business committed to us received our careful and thoughtful attention.

On January 26th, 1897, the Board was incorporated, in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, under the name of "The Woman's College of Frederick, Md.," with full power to receive and hold property, to confer degrees, etc., a copy of which document is herewith submitted as a part of this report, marked exhibit A.

The Board was organized under the conditions of the charter, by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., *President*; Rev. G. S. Sagle, *Secretary*; and A. C. McCardell, *Treasurer*.

Prof. Jos. H. Apple is continued as Treasurer of the current College expenses and Financial Agent.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., and W. H. Lakin were constituted a committee to advise and co-operate with the Treasurer in the management of the funds of the Board.

An appropriate Seal has been adopted, the impression of which is shown on the cover of our last catalogue.

The Board has arranged to confer three different degrees, viz., A.B. (Bachelor of Arts) to the Classic; B.S. (Bachelor of Science) to the Scientific; and B.E. (Bachelor of English) to the English course. Either of these degrees is open to the graduates upon the completion of a full course of study.

By a reference to the Catalogue (copies of which are herewith presented for your examination), it will be seen that the entire enrollment last year was 151, of which number 60 were boarders.

On June 2d, a class of twelve was graduated; six in the

Certificate course, three in the Scientific course, who received the degree of B.S., and three in the Music course.

The fourth year of successful work has passed. The course of study has been gradually raised and extended. All departments have been in full and successful operation.

The annual report of the Treasurer of current expenses, was duly audited and found to be correct.

The gross receipts for the year were \$12,268.20.

The gross expenditures for running expenses, \$12,039.93; leaving a net gain of \$228.58.

Our total resources are \$3,512.77.

Our total liabilities, \$2,823.93; leaving to our credit \$668.84.

There has been an annual drain upon the finances of the institution for its further equipment. Though the equipment of the "Frederick Female Seminary" was complete and in fairly good condition at the time of our assuming possession, it was inadequate. It has been necessary to replace worn-out furniture and apparatus with new, and to supply much additional, to provide for the rapid growth of the institution. This outlay for the past year was \$938.62, and now aggregates for the four years \$2,721.14. Of this amount, \$664.60 has been charged up to general current expense for wear and tear, and this past year \$123.91 was contributed by friends in Frederick towards a fund to liquidate the balance, leaving unprovided for at this date, \$1,938.44. This appears in our financial statement as a resource, and the property it represents is well worth the amount, but the fact remains that the current revenues of the College are insufficient to assume the sum. We do not think we should be expected to use the current revenues for this purpose. The Church ought to come to our relief and provide for the equipment of the institution. When this is done, the annual revenues from students, and the interest from endowment funds now in hand and yet to be secured, will provide for current expenses.

The rental of \$1,000 for the past year has been paid.

Last spring the ladies of the Reformed congregation of Frederick took possession of the College parlors and renovated them, by re-papering, painting, carpeting, and placing handsome furniture and decorations therein at a cost of \$307 to them.

The College Library has received valuable and much-needed additions, at a cost of \$125, from sources outside of the ordinary current income, since our last report.

During the year, the "James Mifflin Hood Endowment Fund" of \$20,000, the generous gift of Mrs. Margaret E. Hood, as a memorial to her late husband, James Mifflin Hood, came into our possession.

An additional sum of \$1,000 has been secured for the Endowment Fund, and \$123.91 for Equipment.

The statement of Treasurer A. C. McCardell is herewith submitted as part of this report, and is marked Exhibit B.

The growth of the College has compelled us to expand the buildings wherever possible. This requires a correspondingly enlarged equipment for the year upon which we have entered.

A system of electric bells, throughout the building, has superseded the former unsatisfactory method of signals. Electric light has been substituted for gas. A new bath-room has been constructed on the third floor of West Hall, and a new gymnasium, 30 by 80 feet, in the basement of College Hall.

The gymnasium will be equipped with funds raised outside of our current expenses, the greater portion of which are already pledged by the friends of the College in Frederick; but for the construction of the building itself, provision is yet to be made.

Since our last report, the students of the College have undertaken the publication of a monthly journal, called "The Lesbian Herald," a copy of which is herewith submitted. The first volume proved acceptable to its readers, and by judicious business management, the editorial staff was able not only to meet its financial obligations but to devote a considerable surplus to the purchase of books for the Library. "The Herald" is commended to the friends of the institution, both as a means of circulating information concerning it and of providing a revenue for the maintenance of the Library.

Several changes are to be noted in the Faculty. The Angel of Death called to her reward, on December 1st, 1896, Mrs. Mary Rankin Apple, beloved wife of Prof. Jos. H. Apple, and Vice-President of the Faculty. She died in the bloom of womanhood, and in the midst of a career of usefulness, for which she was pre-eminently fitted.

As a Board, we here record our high appreciation of her character as a woman, her efficiency as a teacher, and her unselfish and valuable services to the College. In her death, we have sustained a great loss, which has compelled us to reconstruct our Faculty at a salient point.

Prof. C. W. R. Crum, A.B., M.D., and his wife, Mrs. Grace Crum, have become members of the Faculty; the latter as Lady Principal, and the former as Resident Physician, while both are also valuable teachers. Miss Sallie C. Fauntleroy has succeeded Miss Jennie Thomas as Teacher of Elocution and Physical Culture. Miss Froelich has been granted one year's leave of absence, which she is devoting to further study in her department. Miss Frances Steckel is Instructor in Science; Miss Willie May Derr, Librarian; and Miss Charlotte H. Richardson, Office Secretary.

The buildings were never in better condition for the reception of students; the Faculty never better equipped for its work; and the attendance of students never so large as at the opening of the present year.

The enrollment at this date is in excess of that of last year, and the limit of our boarding accommodations is reached, as the present available rooms are all occupied.

Our present Faculty could equally well teach larger classes without disadvantage to the students, or increased expense to us. The outlook now is that more room for boarders will be required before the end of this current college year. We therefore ask Synod to authorize us to rent or lease additional rooms or property, as the exigencies of the situation may require.

We have entered upon the last of the original five-year lease of the college plant. The work has been extended as rapidly as our limited quarters would permit. The balance on the ledger is in our favor, but the margin is too narrow to warrant us in pushing the work as the logic of the situation and our opportunities demand.

If the education of woman lies at the foundation of all true progress in Church and State, as we believe it does, then money invested in the further endowment and equipment of the College will yield large returns in the permanent uplift of our people.

It would, indeed, be possible to shrink our work within our present income and equipment; but to do so would be to ignore the obvious leadings of Providence—it would do violence to our best judgment as to opportunity and duty; it would, we believe, satisfy no right-thinking person, and would, therefore, be a great mistake.

We must go forward, extending the College work along all legitimate lines. To do this, we must have your active co-operation. We ask, therefore, that provision be made for the amount due on equipment, and that further authority be given to secure the \$20,000 endowment authorized last year, in addition to what has been or may be done by the Frederick congregation, to meet our immediate and prospective wants.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President*.

FREDERICK, MD., Oct. 19, 1897.

Articles of Incorporation of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

ARTICLE I.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned subscribers, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Calvin S. Sagle, William H. Lakin, Adrian C. McCardell, all citizens of

the State of Maryland, and citizens of the United States, and John E. Roller, a citizen of the State of Virginia and a citizen of the United States, desirous of forming a body corporate agreeably to the provisions of the general corporation laws of the State of Maryland, as found in the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland passed at the January session of 1868, Chapter 471, and the various amendments thereof and supplements thereto since then passed, do, in witness thereof, make, sign, seal, and acknowledge in the mode prescribed by said general incorporation laws this certificate in writing.

ARTICLE II.

The corporate name of said body corporate shall be "The Woman's College, of Frederick, Maryland."

ARTICLE III.

This corporation is formed for the purposes and objects of creating and maintaining a college for the promotion and advancement of education of woman, and the cultivation and diffusion of literature, science and art.

ARTICLE IV.

The time of the existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V.

The operations of this corporation shall be carried on in Frederick county, in the State of Maryland, and the principal office of said corporation shall be situated in Frederick City, in Frederick county, Maryland.

ARTICLE VI.

This corporation shall be managed by a Board of five Directors, and that Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Calvin S. Sagle, William H. Lakin and Adrian C. McCardell, of the State of Maryland, and John E. Roller, of the State of Virginia, shall constitute such Board of Directors who shall manage the affairs of the corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, and that their successors shall be appointed from time to time by the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, a body corporate, for such term of service as may be designated by said Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

The said Directors and their successors shall have power to confer and grant by diploma such degrees or marks of distinction for attainments and scholarship, as they may think proper, upon such of the students of the college, as from time to time they may designate, and the said Directors and their successors may from time to time make all such regulations in reference to the granting and conferring such degrees or marks of distinction as they, or a majority of them, may think right

or proper, and the interest of the college may require.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Do we, the parties hereinbefore named as incorporators of this corporation, hereunto set our hands and affix our seals this twelfth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

EDMUND R. ESCHBACH. [SEAL]
 CALVIN S. SAGLE. [SEAL]
 WILLIAM H. LAKIN. [SEAL]
 ADRIAN C. MCCARDELL. [SEAL]
 JOHN E. ROLLER. [SEAL]

Witness: THAD. M. BISER

STATE OF MARYLAND, *Sct:*
 FREDERICK COUNTY,

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Frederick county, personally appeared Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Calvin S. Sagle, William H. Lakin and Adrian C. McCardell, personally known to me to be the above-named incorporators, and each acknowledged the foregoing certificate in writing, or articles of incorporation, to be their respective act and deed for the purposes as therein set forth.

THAD. M. BISER,
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, *Sct:*
 ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, }

I hereby certify that on this fourteenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Virginia, in and for Rockingham county, personally appeared John E. Roller, personally known to me to be one of the above-named incorporators, and acknowledged the foregoing certificate in writing, or articles of incorporation, to be his act and deed for the purposes as therein set forth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this 14th day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

C. H. CHANDLER,
Notary Public.

I, John A. Lynch, a Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, and the Judicial Circuit within which the principal office of the corporation incorporated under the foregoing certificate of incorporation is located, do hereby certify that the foregoing articles of incorporation were submitted to me by the incorporators within named, that I have examined the same, and that the said certificate in writing, or

articles of incorporation have been executed in conformity with the provisions of laws of the State of Maryland in such case made and provided, and the Clerk of this Court is hereby instructed to record the above in the book of record proper and usual for such purposes.

JOHN A. LYNCH,
Judge of the Circuit Court.

January 16, 1897.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1896-1897.

1. The institution was opened Sept. 10, 1896, and its work carried forward without interruption, save that one of the professors (Dr. Apple) was not able during part of the year to meet regularly his classes on account of ill health, but which did not prevent his carrying each class over the course prescribed by the schedule. We are happy to state that at the opening of the present Seminary year, Dr. Apple was so far restored that he expected to meet all his classes regularly.

2. The course in elocution was omitted, because of failure to obtain a teacher. The Faculties of the Seminary and College, assisted by a member of the Board, were requested to join in an effort to secure a Professor in Elocution.

2 (a). The Board felt that the subject of Missions demands more attention than the Faculty is able to give it, without interfering with their duties in other directions. The professors were therefore instructed to supplement the instruction on this subject by a course of lectures on Missions, to be delivered by persons especially interested and engaged in Mission work. Your reverend body is requested to provide a proportionate share of the expense needed for these two objects, as will be seen by the resolutions submitted for your consideration.

3. On Sept. 10, 1896, the following students were admitted to the *Junior Class*: Jno. K. Adams, Elmer L. Coblentz, Chas. E. Correll, Jno. F. Dechant, Chas. H. Faust, Wm. S. Fisher, Albert H. Ginder, Geo. G. Greenawald, Moses A. Kieffer, Wm. G. Klein, Chas. H. Knight, Willoughby H. Millhouse, Wm. A. McClellan, Robt. F. Reed, Henry N. Smith, Sam'l H. Stein, Nevin L. Weidner. Of these, 13 are graduates of F. & M. College, one completed the Sophomore year, one is a graduate of the Moravian College, one was admitted from the Normal University, and one from F. & M. Academy. Total, 17.

4. The *Middle Class* consisted of the students who were

admitted to the Junior Class, September, '95, with four exceptions: Paul L. Gerhard, who accepted an appointment to the position of teacher in the institutions of our Church in Japan; Calvin J. Rhen, who discontinued his studies for lack of funds; Hugh K. Fulton, a Presbyterian, who entered the class with the intention of continuing one term, and who took his dismissal to the Theological Seminary at Princeton; and Ward W. Reese, an Episcopalian, who entered with the intention of continuing to the end of the Junior year. When the year closed, he passed his examinations and withdrew. George W. Hartman is pursuing the Seminary course with the present purpose of devoting himself not to the ministry, but to the profession of teaching. Total, 12.

5. The *Senior Class* consisted of the following students: J. F. Bair, Jno. L. Barnhart, Theo. P. Bolliger, Wm. H. Brong, Chas. A. Bushong, Preston A. Delong, Theo. W. Dickert, Montgomery M. Fryer, Wm. Glase Gerhard, Dan'l G. Glass, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Wilson S. Hartzell, Conrad A. Hauser, Mabry L. Herbein, Theo. C. Hesson, R. Raymond Jones, Clement D. Kressley, E. Douglas Lantz, Jno. A. Leuzinger, R. Franklin Main, Chas. F. McMann, James M. Mullan, Curtin L. Oswald, Amos O. Reiter, Martin W. Schweitzer, James R. Stein, Adolphus Walker. Total, 27. These students having completed the full course of study, and having sustained creditable examinations, were granted the regular *testimonials* on the day of graduation.

6. The following ministers of the Gospel completed a post-graduate course of the Seminary agreeably to the curriculum approved by the Board of Visitors. Each one having pursued the studies of three departments, and having passed approved examinations, was recommended, through the College Faculty, to the Trustees of F. & M. College for the honorary title of Bachelor of Divinity: Rev. C. Clifton Clark, Elizabeth, N. J.; Rev. Wm. I. Stewart, Baltimore, Md., and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Woodberry, Md. Total, 3. The recommendation was favorably considered and the degree was conferred by the Board of Trustees, at its annual meeting in 1897.

7. The average grade of the students was high. The professors bear testimony to their faithfulness in study, to their good deportment, and to their mental and spiritual preparation for the duties of their calling. The class graduated in '97 was the largest in the history of the Seminary.

In conclusion, your favorable consideration of the following resolution is respectfully asked:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board overture the three Synods to raise for the Professor in Elocution \$300, as

follows: Eastern Synod, \$125; Synod of Potomac, \$100. Pittsburg Synod, \$75.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$150 for the purpose of meeting a supplemental course of instruction in Missions, as follows: Eastern Synod, \$60; Synod of Potomac, \$50; Pittsburg Synod, \$40.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 7, 1897.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The regular annual meeting was held on May 13th, 1897, when the following officers were elected: *President*, Geo. N. Forney; *Vice-President*, John D. Skiles; *Secretary*, Jeremiah S. Hess, and *Treasurer*, John B. Roth.

At this meeting, a committee, consisting of Geo. N. Forney, S. N. Hench, J. B. Roth, and Hon. W. R. Barnhart, was appointed to confer with the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College relative to the $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land, on which two of the Seminary professors' houses stand. The Building Committee of the DePeyster Library Building had encroached upon the Seminary ground by locating part of the new building thereon. This Board, believing that the time had come when it will be to the interest of both institutions that Franklin and Marshall College be the owner of that part of the grounds now owned by the Theological Seminary, granted authority to the Building Committee to proceed with the work, the consideration therefor to be determined later. This matter is still in the hands of the above-named committee.

Bequests were received from the following persons during the past year, viz.: Fifty (\$50) dollars from the estate of Miss Justina E. Gerhard, of Lancaster, Pa.; five hundred (\$500) dollars from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, of Harrisburg, Pa., for the endowment fund and three hundred (\$300) dollar from the estate of Mrs. James Hay, of Hummelstown, Pa., towards the Seminary Building Fund.

The Board very gratefully makes record of these bequests and their worthy examples are commended to our people generally, even to those of limited means, who may greatly aid our institutions by providing for their growing needs by means of comparatively small bequests.

The second meeting was held October 5th, 1897. The Executive Committee reported that they had purchased the triangular plot from the Evans estate for \$1,600. By this purchase they straightened our lines on Pine street (lately opened by the city), and secured a lot for the janitor's building, which is now in course of erection, besides selling a portion thereof. The net cost of the ground to the Seminary was \$785.75. The Treasurer also advanced to the Building Committee of Synod \$1,100.00 towards the erection of the janitor's building.

The Seminary Building Committee, through its chairman, Rev. Dr. Bowman, reported that the Seminary building is completed and the entire cost provided for, whereupon the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman, chairman of the Building Committee; to Rev. C. J. Musser, chairman of the Canvass Committee, for their active personal interest, and to all the others, for their earnest co-operation in the work.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in its report of 1894, requested the Synods to provide such an increase in the Endowment Fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising, and,

WHEREAS, The Board has had extraordinary expenses in the necessary purchase of the triangular tract to straighten our lines on Pine street, and in the erection of a janitor's building, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate \$1,200, to meet the annual expenses of the past year, in the following manner:

Eastern Synod	\$600
Potomac Synod	400
Pittsburg Synod	200

In justice to all concerned, your Board heartily approves the action of the Eastern Synod at its meeting in October, 1896, authorizing the Board (the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods concurring) to purchase two additional lots of ground, the one to be held as a site for the house of the Pittsburgh Synod's professor, and the other lot as a site for the house for the third professor of the Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 16th, 1897.



Communion Flagon from Walkersville, Md., and Chalice from Winchester, Va.,
used Doubtless by Rev. Michael Schlatter.

Synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Endowment Fund.

Oct.	1.	Amount of Endowment Fund reported.....	\$94,418.69
Nov.	3.	Received a bequest by will of Miss Justina Elizabeth Gerhard, deceased, Lancaster	50.00
1897.			
Jan.	1.	Due from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, deceased, of Harrisburg	500.00
			\$94,968.69
		Less an obligation for the sum of.....	250 00
		credited in error to Endowment Fund and intended for Seminary Building Fund.	
1897.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund.....	\$94,718.69

Current Expense Fund of Theological Seminary from Oct. 1, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897.

DR.

To	sundry incomes and interests received during the year	\$5,729 93
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CR.

By	salary accounts and sundry bills paid as per vouchers from Oct. 1, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897....	\$7,115 74
Balance due	Treasurer Oct. 1, 1896.....	3,072 32
		\$10,188 06
Amount Dr.	brought down	5,729 93

1897.			
Oct.	1.	Balance due Treasurer	\$4,458 13

Library Fund.

1896.			
		Principal	\$1,819 96
Oct.	1.	For interest received from date to Oct. 1, 1897	\$125 99
		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1896.....	107 11
			\$233 10

CR.

By	sundry bills paid	95 83
Balance due	Oct. 1, 1897.....	\$137 27

The Smaltz Fund.

Principal	\$5,000.00
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DR.

Oct.	1.	For interest received on same to date.....	\$250.00
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1897.		CR.		
Apr. 17.	By interest paid to Beneficiary Board, John Hertzler Treasurer		\$125.00	
Sept. 15.	By interest paid to Beneficiary Board, John Hertzler Treasurer		125.00	\$250.00
1897.				

The William A. Wilt Fund.

	Principal		\$833.33	
Oct. 1.	For interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1897, and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account.....			\$41.66

The Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

1897.				
Oct.	1. The amount of fund to date in hands of Treasurer of Seminary is.....		\$29,623 19	
	DR.			
	For sundry interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1897		\$1,651 06	
	CR.			
	By amount Wm. Rupp, D.D., to Oct. 1, 1897.....		\$1,651 06	

The John Reigel Fund.

	Principal of notes.....		\$15,680 00	
Oct. 1. '97.	By note paid due July 20, 1895.....	\$ 3,920 00		
	" " " " " " 1896.....	3,920 00		
	" " " " " " 1897.....	3,920 00		
			\$11,760 00	
	Note in hands of Treasurer due July 20, 1898	3,920 00		
			\$15,680 00	

All interest received on said Fund is accounted for in the current expense account of Theological Seminary.

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

	Principal		\$2,000.75	
May 1, 1896.	Balance due same.....	\$17.95		
May 1, 1897.	Interest and balance due Fund to May 1, 1897.....	\$100.00		\$117.95
	CR.			
	By prize paid per award of committee	\$100.00		
	By expenses	1.00		\$101.00
May 18, 1897.	Balance due Fund			\$16.95

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1896.				
May 9.	Amount of Fund.....		\$ 307 12	
	Interest due on same to May 9, 1897.,....	\$ 15 35		
	CR.			
May 8, 1897.	By Prize paid per award of Com....	15 00		35
May 8, 1897.	Received of Prof. W. M. Irvine for principal		103 00	
	May 9th, 1897, Amount of Fund.....		\$ 410 47	

Jacob Forney Library Alcove Fund.

1897.	Principal	\$1,000.00
	CR.	
Oct.	1. By interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1897	\$150.00

Henry Wirt Library Alcove Fund.

1897.	Principal	\$1,000.00
	CR.	
Oct.	1. By interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1897	\$100.00

Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund for Alcove.

Sept	19, 1896 Received for Principal in Seminary Library.....	\$700.00	
	Principal	50.00	\$750.00
	CR.		
Oct.	1. By interest due same to Oct. 1, 1897..	\$72.50	

Seminary Class of 1894 for Alcove in Library.

1897.			
Oct.	1. (Notes)	\$981 00	
	By cash paid on same.....	\$217 00	

LANCASTER, Oct. 5, 1897.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, report, that we have attended to the work assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
S. N. HENCH,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1897.

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	3. For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	\$6.00	
Oct.	3. For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	69.79	\$75.79
Oct.	8. For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer	121.00	
Oct.	8. For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer	50.00	171.00
Dec.	29. For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer		6.00
1897.			
Jan.	1. For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer		9.00
May	8. For amount received of Reading Classis.....		20.00
May	11. For amount received of Goshenhoppen Classis	\$8.01	
May	11. For amount received of Goshenhoppen Classis	45.10	\$53.11

May 11.	For amount received of Daniel Shaffner, Treasurer	19.00
May 14.	For amount received of Lancaster Classis	42.35
May 17.	" " " Philadelphia Classis	12.00
May 21.	" " " E. Susq. Classis	41.25
May 27.	" " " Tohickon Classis	47.00
May 27.	" " " Juniata Classis	68.00
June 10.	" " " Schuylkill Classis	1.00
June 10.	" " " Lebanon Classis	33.44
July 1.	" " " Tohickon Classis interest..	16.00
July 5.	" " " Pittsburg Synod \$50.00	
July 21.	" " " Pittsburg Synod 50.00	\$100.00
Aug. 21.	" " " Tohickon Classis	9.00
Sept. 4.	Of C. M. Boush, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod 1892 and 1893, synodical apportionment tied up by failures of bankers and now paid.....	75.00
		\$798.94

Transferred and charged to Treasurer in his current expense account to Oct. 1, 1897.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The undersigned would respectfully report to your reverend body that the Trustees of Catawba College met the 18th day of May, 1897, according to adjournment, a majority of whom were present, and among whom was the Rev. Dr. Clever, of Baltimore.

According to the report of the Rev. Dr. Clapp, President of the College, there were in attendance at the College one hundred and fifty-five students, in the primary and collegiate classes, during the year; and by hard work and constant labor, the teaching force was enabled to give good satisfaction. The moral and Christian bearing of the school was never better.

The tuition and the interest on the Endowment Fund will barely meet the running expenses of the College, if all can be collected, which is hardly probable.

It will require a part of the Endowment Fund, or rather the interest on the same, donated by your reverend body, to meet the collegiate expenses.

That, according to the report of the Field Secretary, the Rev. J. C. Leonard, he had not been very successful in raising the \$17,000 pledged by your reverend body to Catawba College. Therefore, the undersigned would humbly suggest that the best and most feasible plan, and one that has the sanction of the Church from the earliest ages, is by assessment. Assess each Classis belonging to the Synod the amount it is required to raise, or pay the interest on the same annually. The principle has been recognized by your own body in assessing the Classes to pay its proportionable amount of the thousand dollars that the Synod agreed to pay Catawba College each year until the \$17,000 has been realized.

It is true that the Synod has no legal power to compel the Classes to do so, but it has the moral power.

The College belongs to the Church, and it is the spirit and the law of the Church that her ministry must be educated, and it is the doctrine of the Church to have an educated membership.

We must have money to do it, and to whom else can we go? Tithes were abolished by the Church, in order that Christians might give more, or all they have, if necessary.

By the assessment plan, we might to a great extent dispense with the expenses of a Field Secretary, and then all would know when and how much to give.

In the dawn of the twentieth century, our Church must keep step with the most aggressive in the land, in accomplishing the greatest amount of good.

The following is a list of the Trustees whose time expires in May, 1898, to be filled by your reverend body: L. R. Whitener, Hickory, N. C.; J. F. Smyre, Newton, N. C.; Rev. P. M. Trexler, D.D., Newton, N. C.; P. W. Whitener, Newton, N. C.; Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph.D., Newton, N. C.; William E. Deal, Russell, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. McCORKLE,

President of Trustees of Catawba College.

NEWTON, N. C., Oct. 8th, 1897.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Standing Committee on Education begs leave to report, that the following documents and publications have come into our hands:

Catalogue of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

Catalogue of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Catalogue of Mercersburg College.

Report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College.

Articles of Incorporation of the above-named institution.

Report of the President of Catawba College.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

A communication from Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Field Secretary of Franklin and Marshall College.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Education of the Synod, together with a report of the Treasurer of the same.

Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Committee on the Synod of the Potomac's Professor's House, to the effect that they have attended to the duties of their appointment.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

From these documents and reports, we summarize and present for your earnest consideration the following items, to wit:

It is with great pleasure we note the continued prosperity of the Woman's College. This young institution is winning its way into the confidence of the Church, and securing a very encouraging support in the way of patronage. The noble example of Mrs. Margaret E. Hood, in giving \$20,000 toward the endowment of this deserving child of the Church, appeals most eloquently to other members of our beloved Zion, blessed with large means, to thus perpetuate their memory or that of loved ones, by liberal donations to this or other worthy objects challenging the attention of the Church. The energy and ability of Prof. Apple and his corps of teachers, command the respect and merit the sympathy and support of the Church. In view of the pressing financial needs of the institution, we recommend a reiteration of the action of Synod of one year ago, in the matter of the endowment.

Resolved, Further, That the Directors of the Woman's College be authorized to act in the matter of renting or leasing additional buildings for the accommodation of the increasing number of students, as the necessities of the institution may demand.

We note with pleasure the prosperous year enjoyed by Catawba College, the increasing patronage and efficient work accomplished by the same.

From the various sources in hand, we learn of the great need of a stronger Faculty and fuller equipment to meet the necessities of the times.

Resolved, That we heartily commend Catawba College to the sympathy, patronage and support of our people.

Resolved, That the endowment already inaugurated by the Synod for the enlargement of our educational work in the South, be heartily commended to our pastors and people.

From the catalogue and reports of Franklin and Marshall College we learn of the continued prosperity of this, the oldest literary institution of the Church. The increasing number of students and the larger demands of the times compel the authorities of this institution to appeal to the liberality of the Church for better equipment, especially in the Department of the Sciences.

In reply to the overture of the Field Secretary, relative to this pressing need, we would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the increasing measure of prosperity attending the history of Franklin and Marshall College, and humbly pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon it.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the College to the favorable consideration of parents having sons to educate, as eminently worthy of their consideration, when selecting a college for the education of their boys.

Recognizing the pressing need of a Science building for the more efficient equipment of the College, in her efforts to keep abreast with the times;

Resolved, That we approve of the project suggested by the authorities of said institution in the matter of the Science building.

Resolved, That we particularly commend this project to the favorable consideration and support of members of our Church blessed with large means, and that the Field Secretary be authorized to visit the Classes and charges in the interest of this enterprise.

The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary conveys to us the gratifying information that the Seminary is in a flourishing condition, with the largest enrollment of students in her history; that the department of the students generally is such as becomes candidates for the holy ministry. The Board of Trustees requests this Synod to again assume \$400 to make up the deficit in the current expenses of the Seminary.

The Synod rejoices in the continued prosperity of the Seminary, and pledges in her behalf our sympathy, our prayers and help.

Resolved, That the Synod accepts the sum of \$400 towards meeting the annual deficit in current expenses, and apportion the same on the respective Classes.

From the Board of Visitors of the Seminary we note the following:

Your favorable consideration of the following resolutions is respectfully asked, to wit:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board overture the three Synods to raise for the Professor on Elocution \$300 as

follows: Eastern Synod \$125, Synod of the Potomac \$100, Pittsburgh Synod \$75.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$150 for the purpose of meeting a supplemental course of instruction in Missions, as follows: Eastern Synod \$60, Synod of the Potomac \$50, Pittsburgh Synod \$40."

Resolved, That this Synod accedes to the overture of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary, and refers the respective sums for apportionment on the different Classes.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

From the report of the Board of Education, we learn that six young men have completed their literary and theological course. During the past year, 28 young men have been aided to the amount of \$3,380.80. For the ensuing year, the same number are enrolled.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College and the statement of President Irvine, we learn that this high-grade academy for boys is steadily advancing in influence and efficiency.

The phenomenal growth and position of this school among others endeavoring to do the same grade of work, eloquently proclaim the fact that Dr. Irvine, his Faculty, and the Board of Regents merit the hearty support and co-operation of the Synod in advancing to a still higher position the standard of this school. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod heartily endorses the work of Christian education as conducted in Mercersburg College, and pledges the authorities of the same our unqualified sympathy and support in their efforts to establish on this historic spot a preparatory school of the very highest grade.

We are happy to report that the various educational institutions of our Church are in a flourishing condition; but the necessities of the times imperatively demand more liberal financial support, of which they are all worthy.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman*.

Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., M. O. Noll, A. S. Weber, H. M. J. Klein and I. M. Motter were appointed the committee to aid President J. H. Apple in securing the contemplated endowment.

The Standing Committee, under item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the Seminary Endowment Fund.

The Committee to Invest and Audit the Seminary En-

dowment Fund of Synod present the following report, to wit:

The committee met in Hanover, Pa., on the 27th day of September, 1897, and audited the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod. They found bonds, notes, and mortgages, in their judgment prudently invested, amounting to \$33,700. Also, a Seminary Fellowship bond of \$1,000; with accrued interest thereon, \$494; total Fellowship Fund, \$1,494.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. N. SLAGLE.

The committee, under item 6 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, reported progress and was again continued.

The action of the Synod last year, which through an oversight does not appear in the minutes as printed, was renewed, stipulating that the Synod agrees to aid Catawba College to the extent of one thousand dollars by apportionment annually, for a period of five years, and that meanwhile in proportion as the seventeen thousand dollars endowment is secured, to any considerable amount, the Synod is to be released from a pro rata portion of the sum thus promised for the immediate relief of the institution.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday afternoon, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; Elders S. Hoeflich, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., and Rev. I. N. Peightel, were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, for the period of three years; Rev. C. S. Slagle was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., for the term of five years; and Elder G. N. Forney was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, for the term of ten years.

The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: L. R. Whitener, J. F. Smyre, P. W. Whitener, M. J. Rowe, W. E. Deal, and W. A. Pence.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F.

Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for three years; Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and A. S. Weber, for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and G. B. Resser, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Elders S. Hoeflich, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Rev. I. N. Peightel, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Shontz, and Elder A. R. Schnebly, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: Rev. C. S. Slagle, for five years; Elder W. H. Lakin, for four years; Elder A. C. McCardell, for three years; Elder J. E. Roller, for two years; and Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, and J. O. Miller, for three years; and Revs. J. S. Kieffer, and C. Clever, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders Israel Laucks, and S. Nevin Hench, for five years; Elders George N. Forney, and Edgar Slagle, for three years; and Elders H. Wirt Shriver, and Jacob H. Cost, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: In looking over the past year, we must make grateful acknowledgment of the grace of God bestowed on all the churches under our care, showing itself in numerical growth and in spiritual gain.

Until lately, nearly all our missions in the East have been regularly served, but at present we must report several vacancies. The Hungarian Missions at Mt. Carmel, Pa., and Trenton, N. J., the Missions at Harrisonburg, Va., Roanoke, Va., and Allentown, Pa., are all without pastors.

As usual, the report of Treasurer, John J. Nissley, which is herewith given, will greatly help you to understand the work of the year. It shows that the amount of money received from

these two Synods for missions during the past year is larger than that of the former year by over \$3,200. The increase came as follows: From the Eastern Synod, on apportionment, nearly \$500; from the Synod of the Potomac, on apportionment, over \$2,300; from miscellaneous sources, nearly \$400. The special offerings of our loyal people, in answer to the loud call of the General Board last Easter, were large, and they greatly helped to relieve the treasury; but notwithstanding this large help, so heartily given and so much appreciated, the treasury of the General Board still has a deficit of over \$10,000. The special effort at Easter was followed by a natural reaction, and the income of the summer months has been small, so that we are again in danger of a financial embarrassment which may work hardship to our faithful missionaries and their people.

This is our only drawback. All else is encouraging; and even this cloud, we trust, will soon pass away. Several promising missions in the East should be enrolled; but for the present the Board is unable to do so.

The Board continues to hold quarterly meetings for the oversight of the work committed to it, and its recommendations to the General Board are nearly all approved. Thus the items of business presented from time to time are well considered before final action is taken.

Three legacies have been received during the year, as follows: From the estate of Charles Hottenstein, of Northumberland county, Pa., \$185, the interest of which is to be used for missions; from the estate of Miss Susan M. Pontius, of Mifflinburg, Pa., \$3,000, partial payment of a Church-building Fund; and from the estate of Miss Sarah Johnson, of York, Pa., \$5,888.25. Of this last legacy the Board has gratefully set apart \$1,000 to be known as the Sarah and Elizabeth Johnson Church-building Fund, and \$1,000 to be known as the Rev. and Mrs. John Cares Church-building Fund. The balance will be held as an ordinary investment.

One very important thing which we beg you to bring to the attention of our people again during the present Sesqui-Centennial period, is the raising of the Schlatter Memorial Fund of \$100,000 for the building of churches for our missions in large cities. We trust that the Synods will, by suitable action, again commend this work to our people, and that consistories will cheerfully assist in making it a success.

This brief outline of the work of the year can give but a faint idea of the many agencies and sympathies and prayers and toils involved therein. All this we humbly commit to our blessed Lord, whose we are and whom we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

E. N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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I.—For Missions.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis	\$1,948 78	
Tohickon Classis	839 36	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,485 49	
East Pennsylvania Classis	924 00	
Lebanon Classis	1,456 08	
Lancaster Classis	1,071 85	
Schuylkill Classis	998 48	
East Susquehanna Classis	853 65	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,040 45	
Lehigh Classis	841 10	
Wyoming Classis	524 00	
Reading Classis	1,571 75	\$13,554 99

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Maryland Classis	\$2,611 18	
Mercersburg Classis	1,371 60	
Juniata Classis	1,826 51	
Carlisle Classis	866 56	
Zion's Classis	478 62	
Gettysburg Classis	275 00	
Virginia Classis	300 00	
North Carolina Classis	140 48	\$ 7,869 95

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Theological Students, Lancaster, Pa.....	\$ 21 66	
Mrs. Adalaid F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.....	20 00	
Infant Department Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa..	3 34	
B. Schmitt, Woostock, Va.....	50 00	
Misses A. and L. Stucker, Harrisburg, Pa.....	6 00	
C. C. Line, Marquette, Neb.....	2 00	
Sunday-school, Hill church, Lebanon Co., Pa....	4 80	
Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt. special offerings.....	1,440 31	
Love Circle, King's Daughters, 3d Ch., Baltimore	10 00	
G. H. O. Delph, Reading, Pa.....	10 00	
Rev. Rufus W. Miller.....	15 00	
Miss M. A. Myers, Clintondale, Pa.....	3 18	
St. Paul's Church, Ridgely, Md.....	24 34	
Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa.....	82 62	
Reformed Church at Lovettsville, Va.....	11 75	
Daniel Schaffner, Tr. Eastern Synod. Interest		
Gerhart Fund	9 68	
St. Paul's Reformed S. S., Fort Washington, Pa..	10 00	
Church and S. S., Shepherdstown, W. Va.....	10 00	
Church and S. S., Hummelstown, Pa.....	15 00	
W. M. S. Eastern Synod, bequest of Mrs. Sarah		
J. Houtz	75 00	
Blank, per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt.....	100 00	
Elder E. H. Burkholder, Farmersville, Lancaster	25 00	
Class No. 3 S. S., Fort Washington, Pa.....	4 35	
Busy Bee Mission Band, Church of Ascension,		
Norristown, Pa.....	20 00	

S. S. Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	35 00	
W. M. S. of Eastern Synod.....	950 00	2,959 03
		\$24,383 97

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Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board..	\$24,383 97
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NOTE:—It is due to the Synods to add that soon after the report was audited I received in addition to the above from the Eastern Synod, about \$2,500, and from the Synod of the Patomac about \$625.
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II. Designated Moneys.

Schuylkill Classis for Rev T. J. Bower.....	100 00	
C. E. Soc., Hummelstown, Pa., for 4th church, Harrisburg, Pa.	10 00	
Schuylkill Classis for W. H. Herbert.....	76 00	
W. M. S., Lebanon Classis, Rev. H. W. Bright..	12 00	
Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz for Michael Schlatter Fund.	5 00	
Emanuel's S. S., Hazleton, for Salisbury, N. C...	5 00	
East Penna. Classis for Stroudsburg, Pa.....	458 32	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. McNairy.....	83 33	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Holshouser.....	75 00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Lyerly.....	25 00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Murphy.....	10 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis, for Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis., for Calvary Mission Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis, for Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	20 00	
Pleasantville, Pa., for Messiah Mission, Phila., Pa.	20 00	
East Vincent for Messiah Mission, Phila., Pa....	10 00	
Reading Classis for Rev. F. B. Hahn.....	25 00	
“ “ “ Rev. E. B. Lyttle.....	25 00	
“ “ “ Rev. T. R. Dietz	25 00	
“ “ “ Rev. H. Y. Stoner.....	40 63	
“ “ “ Faith Mission, Reading.....	300 00	
Lebanon Classis for Avon Mission	120 00	\$ 1,495 28
Schuylkill Classis for Chicago mission.....	15 35	
Reading Classis for Chicago mission.....	31 00	
West Susquehanna Classis for Chicago mission...	18 00	
Lebanon Classis for Chicago mission.....	5 00	
Philadelphia Classis for Chicago mission.....	8 08	
W. M. S. Watsonstown, Pa., for Chicago mission.	5 00	
Zwingli C. E. Soc. Trinity Ch., Pottsville, Pa., for Chicago mission	10 00	
Ref'd. Church, Fort Washington, Pa., for Chicago mission	5 00	
Ref'd. Ch., Shamokin, Pa., for Chicago mission	25 10	
Ref'd. Salem, Harrisb'g, Pa., for Chicago mission	15 00	
Synod of the Potomac for Chicago mission.....	28 00	
Trinity Church, Allentown, Pa., for Chicago mission	5 00	
1897.		
Sept. 23. Balance due the Treasurer.....	8 08	178 61

HUNGARIAN MISSION.

From John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	139 00	
" Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod	388 20	
" Edgar Slagel, Treas. Synod of the Patomac	46 88	
" J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	17 48	
" Virginia Classis	35 00	
" Carlisle Classis	27 00	
" Mercersburg Classis	100 00	
" Juniata Classis	25 00	778 56

HARBOR MISSION.

From J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod....	39 00	
" Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod	139 63	
" Edgar Slagle, Treas. Synod of the Potomac	33 00	
" Zion's Classis	7 35	
" Mercersburg Classis	20 00	
" Carlisle Classis	11 46	
" Juniata Classis	25 00	275 44

\$ 2,727 89

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Paid as designated.....	\$1,495 28	
" for Chicago Mission.....	178 61	
" for Hungarian Missions.....	778 56	
" for Harbor Mission.....	275 44	\$2,727 89

III.—Church Building.

1896.		
Sept. 26. Balance in treasury.....		\$2,689 64

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Tohickon Classis.....	\$274 91	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	238 00	
Lebanon Classis.....	214 25	
Schuylkill Classis.....	216 00	
Reading Classis.....	190 91	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	109 55	
Lancaster Classis.....	223 07	\$1,466 69

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Carlisle Classis.....	\$100 27	
Edgar Slagle, Treasurer.....	41 33	\$141 60

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Wyoming Classis Fund.....	\$43 00	
Catechumen Fund.....	170 69	
West Susquehanna Classis Fund.....	25 17	
W. M. S. Lebanon Classis Fund.....	85 58	
Freeland G. Hobson Fund.....	100 00	\$424 44

LOANS REPAID.

From Faith Mission, Baltimore.....	\$300 00	
" Grace Church, Abilene, Kansas.....	200 00	
Hungarian Church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	300 00	
Heidelberg Church, Thomasville, N. C.....	62 00	
Revs. C. Clever and C. W. Levan, Baltimore, Md.	1,500 00	
First Church, Steelton, Pa.....	100 00	
Ballard, Wash., mortgage.....	400 00	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	200 00	\$3,062 00
		\$7,784 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treasurer, apportionment for church building.....	\$1,608 29
C. M. Boush, Treasurer, re-payment of loan to South Norwalk, Conn.....	300 00
Loan to Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	2,000 00
“ “ Harrisonburg, Va., Mission.....	500 00
“ “ Salisbury, N. C., Mission.....	500 00
“ “ Onebaugh Jones, et al, Timberville, Va., charge	175 00

1897.

Sept. 23. Balance in the treasury.....	2,701 08
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\$7,784 37

IV.—Legacy Account.

1896.

Sept. 25. Balance in the treasury, Fisher bequest.....	\$200 00
Charles Hottenstein, Northumberland county, Pa. \$185 00	
Miss Susan M. Pontius, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	3,000 00
Miss Sarah Johnson, York, Pa.....	5,888 25

\$9,073 25

\$9,273 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loan to Bridgeport, Conn., Mission.....	\$2,000 00
Special deposit Hummelstown National Bank....	5,000 00
Loan to C. M. Boush, Treas. Church Extension..	1,000 00

1897.

Sept. 23. Balance in the treasury.....	1,273 25
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\$9,273 25

V.—Interest Account.

1896.

Sept. 25. Balance in the treasury.....	\$253 67
Hungarian Church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	\$50 00
Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.....	18 00
St. James' Church, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	5 33
St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore, Md.....	20 00
Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....	132 00
Grace Church, Abilene, Kas.....	82 60
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.....	38 00
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	12 00
St. Paul's Church, Roanoke, Va.....	71 00
Heidelberg Church, Thomasville, N. C.....	10 00
Dividend York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy....	37 50
First Church, Royersford, Pa.....	20 00
Interest on Jacob Wagner legacy.....	100 00
Mrs. L. C. Seidel.....	90 00
Christ Church, Lykens, Pa.....	10 00
C. M. Boush, Treasurer General Board.....	165 00
Wyoming Classis Scranton bond.....	10 00
Ballard Washington mortgage.....	28 00

\$899 43

\$1,153 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donation to Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn. \$300 00	
For taxes and fire insurance.....	76 45
First quarter's appropriation to Rev. J. B. Stone-	
sifer, Winchester, Va.....	62 50

C. M. Boush, Treasurer, interest on loan South Norwalk, Conn.....	37 50	
Traveling expenses of the Board, postage and stationery	96 02	
Salaries of the Secretary and Treasurer.....	150 00	
1897.		
Sept. 23. Balance in the treasury.....	430 63	
		\$1,153 10

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 23d, 1897.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,

J. A. HOFFHEINS.

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 29th, 1897.

Secretary's Report, Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting to your reverend body our annual statement of the progress and condition of our Foreign Mission work, we would be remiss did we fail, first of all to record with thankful hearts, the gracious care and blessing vouchsafed us by a favoring Providence.

The past year records a history of exceptional embarrassments and difficulties in the work of Christian Missions. With the field never before so inviting for aggressive movements, and the door of opportunity never so widely thrown open, a forward movement has been held in arrest by a growing shortage of means. This is true of both the Home and Foreign work. So distressing has the hindrance proved, as not only to forbid advance movement, but even to threaten the necessity of abandoning advantages already gained. This evil has been widely felt among the Churches, nor has our own entirely escaped. This is true especially of our Home work, as we all sadly know. It is therefore with profound gratitude to God that our Foreign Board is able to say that it finds itself, in large part, a surprising exception to this wide-spread experience. A few months ago the outlook for it was unpromising. But the good Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of our people, so that our work is going uninterruptedly forward. This, of course, does not imply that we have made any advance in the accumulation of means for the planting of a new Mission in China. Provision for that yet remains to be made.

The progress of evangelization in Japan has not been, for the last few years, as marked as we could desire. The people are absorbed in their political affairs. Their victory over China has served to inflame them with a spirit of ambition and ultra-nationality, and they are disinclined to give heed to the interests of religion. Many who have professed Christianity are led astray, and not a few have fallen away. This will ac-

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count for the fact that, although accessions by baptism are quite encouraging, the number of active church members shows but little increase.

One of the material causes of this evil is the want of a sufficient number of really efficient native evangelists. While our Tohoku Gakuin is yearly sending out good young men, many besides have to be employed who fail in efficiency. To dismiss these last, would be to close some preaching stations. Hence they are retained until better men can be secured. This serves in a telling manner, to emphasize the importance of our Training School.

With the expansion of our work, another want is making itself more keenly felt. These Japanese evangelists are mostly young men, but recently converted from heathenism. They are comparatively "babes in Christ," and it is not strange that they need, in their fields, the oversight of our missionaries. They should be frequently visited by our American Christians. This our missionaries do, even beyond their strength. Only two of them, however, devote their full time to evangelistic work, viz: Revs. Dr. Moore and Miller. The rest of them are engaged in teaching in the school. But what are two men in a territory 700 miles long by 200 wide? This branch of our work will need to be reinforced in the near future. The arrangement by which it was expected to locate our missionaries at different points in our extended field, has been but partially effected. Rev. Dr. Moore has removed to Tokyo, and is doing an admirable work there. Rev. H. K. Miller still remains in Sendai, pushing forward his Miyamachi work, at which point he is erecting a Chapel; and having been appointed Principal of the Evangelistic Work, will travel widely in the northern part of our field, giving special attention to Yamagata. Rev. S. S. Snyder having been appointed Treasurer of the Industrial Home, cannot as yet be spared from Sendai.

Our two Schools are in a prosperous condition. During the last year there were 147 students in the Tohoku Gakuin, of whom 58 are Christians, and 21 of them theological students, of whom eight graduated. Eleven students were baptized during the year. Nearly all of the non-Christians, are new students. The Girls' School had 57 scholars last year, and is going prosperously forward. During a recent violent earthquake, two of the younger scholars were seriously injured, but are now about recovered.

During the year, two additional missionaries have been sent to the field: Mr. Paul L. Gerhard and Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh. Mr. Gerhard is unordained, and takes the chair of English Language and Literature in the Tohoku Gakuin. This chair was established to relieve the teachers of other branches, and to afford them more time for the study of the

Japanese language. Miss Rohrbaugh goes into the Girls' School as an additional teacher, as it is found that the labors of the other two ladies were too great. The Board was enabled to send her out by the W. M. S. G. S. assuming the cost, as also her support.

As already intimated, the finances of the Board are at the present time in a fairly comfortable condition. We have but little or no embarrassing indebtedness. This condition, however, can be maintained only by a full payment of the apportionment named by General Synod. Our work is increasing every year, and so, of course, are our expenses. Of the \$35,000 apportioned by General Synod, \$30,000 are estimated for the Japan work, and \$5,000 for a new Mission in China. For the Japan work we will need that sum. We would, therefore, most respectfully ask your reverend body to take such action as will assure for us your Synod's share of the full sum. You will please notice that \$30,000 for a membership of over 225,000 is exceedingly small. Should the Church furnish the Board with the additional \$5,000, it will hasten to take steps to plant the new Mission.

By order of the Board.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Aug. 30, 1897.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to present its report, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The documents which have come into our hands are, the annual report of Treasurer Nissley, the annual report of the Bi-Synodic Board, a copy of the "Woman's Journal, an appeal from the Executive Committee of General Synod's Home Mission Board for a proper share of relief from this Synod in its present pressing financial embarrassment, and the annual statement of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Inasmuch as the first two of these papers will be published in full in the minutes of Synod, we here simply refer to the fact, that of the amount apportioned by your reverend body for Home Missions last year, \$1,205.05 remain unpaid by our Classes at this time. Although it is to be hoped that in due time the full amount will be paid, your committee would yet suggest the following action touching this point:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac earnestly requests all its Classes to insist upon the full and prompt payment by their charges of the apportionments laid upon them for Home Missions, and to recommend to them that this be done, as a rule, in quarterly installments, payable in advance.

Concerning the "Woman's Journal," we propose the following action:

Resolved, That the "Woman's Journal," published by the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, at Martinsburg, W. V., is earnestly commended by this Synod, through its Classes, to the women within their bounds, as a most helpful means of developing the spirit of missions among them, and, therefore, worthy of their patronage and support.

Although no reference is made in any of the papers referred to us to "Reformed Church Tidings," the monthly publication issued jointly by the General Synod's Home and Foreign Missions and Sunday-school Boards, we deem it proper to recommend the following action by the Synod, touching that periodical:

Resolved, That "Reformed Church Tidings" is anew commended to the attention of our Classes, and that they are hereby instructed to urge all their pastors to put forth earnest efforts to have it introduced into every family of their congregations.

In relation to the "Schlatter Memorial Building Fund" of \$100,000, which the General Synod has ordered to be raised during the present Sesqui-Centennial period, we propose the following action:

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod are requested to call the attention of all their pastors and charges to the importance of this Fund.

With reference to the aid asked for from this Synod for the immediate relief of the financial straits in which the General Synod's Board of Home Missions finds itself, we suggest the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod appoints the last two Lord's Days in November, and the first two Sundays in December, of the present year, as the time when all its pastors shall receive offerings from each one of their congregations for this special object.

The annual statement of our Foreign Mission Board, which will appear in full in the printed minutes of the present sessions of Synod, refers in grateful terms to the fact that the work committed to its hands is going uninterruptedly forward, although on account of exceptional embarrassments and difficulties of a national character, the progress achieved during the last year is not as great as could have been desired. The finances of the Board at this time are reported as being in a fairly encouraging condition, which, however, can only be maintained by the full payment of the apportionments for that object named by the General Synod. Your committee, therefore, recommends the following action concerning our work in Japan:

Resolved, That this Synod most earnestly requests each one of its Classes to assume the whole amount apportioned upon it for Foreign Missions, and to urge all their charges to pay their Classical apportionments for this object, in full.

Resolved, That the cause of Foreign Missions be anew commended to the sympathies, prayers and liberal support of all our Classes and congregations.

Respectfully submitted,
F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE: Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, for four years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for three years; Rev. C. A. Santee, for two years; and Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac, from Oct. 10th, 1896, to January 1st, 1897.

RECEIVED.

From Maryland Classis for Calvin College	\$8 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	28 88	
" " " Theo. Seminary.....	6 00	
" " " Chicago Mission Church..	3 00	
" " " Church Building.....	35 00	
" " " Harbor Missions	7 00	\$87 88
Balance in Treasury Oct. 10th, 1897.....		1,589 51

\$1,677 39

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EXPENDITURES.

Oct. 16. By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expense to N. Carolina, as commissioner to Catawba College	\$ 25 00
Oct. 16. By cash paid Rev. J. O. Miller for do. do.	21 50
Oct. 16. By cash paid Elder John E. Roller do. do.	25 35
Oct. 17. By cash paid Dern & Pitcairn, printing tickets.....	1 50
Oct. 30. By cash paid Rev. Lewis Robb, incidental expense of Synod at Altoona	25 00
Nov. 7. By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for relief of Catawba College	250 00
Dec. 12. By cash paid Rev. W. I. Stewart, expense as Cor-	

	responding Secretary of Synod.....	2 60
Dec. 22. By	cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, interest on Stoudenour Legacy	12 00
Dec. 22. By	cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, expense on Minutes of Synod	10 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, Hungarian Missions	28 88
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, Church Building	35 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, Harbor Missions	7 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, Chicago Mission Church	3 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Calvin College..	8 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John B. Roth, Treas. for Theo. Sem..	6 00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1,216 56

\$1,677 39

Respectfully submitted,
EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer.*

GEORGE N. FORNEY, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac, from January 1st, 1897, to October 19th, 1897.

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To amounts received as follows:

Jan. 1. To balance received from former Treasurer..... \$1,216 56

FROM ZION'S CLASSIS.

For	Theological Seminary	\$15 21	
"	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	37 60	
"	Calvin College	9 22	
"	Church Building Fund.....	8 91	\$70 94

FROM MARYLAND CLASSIS.

For	Chicago Mission Church.....	\$30 00	
"	Hungarian Missions	95 00	
"	Calvin College	55 00	
"	Church Building Fund.....	142 00	
"	Harbor Missions	28 50	
"	Theological Seminary.....	67 82	
"	Catawba College	57 00	
"	Work amongst the Germans	51 00	\$526 32

FROM MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$52 00	
"	Calvin College	29 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	34 00	\$115 00

FROM VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

For	Harbor Missions	\$10 00	
"	Theological Seminary	20 00	
"	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	33 00	
"	Calvin College	21 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	20 00	\$104 00

FROM NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$42 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	25 00	
"	Catawba College	28 37	\$95 37

FROM GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund of Synod	\$80 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	56 00	
"	Theological Seminary	69 00	\$205 00

FROM CARLISLE CLASSIS.

For	Theological Seminary	\$22 38	
"	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	36 00	
"	Chicago Missions.....	4 50	\$62 88

FROM JUNIATA CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$78 00	
"	Catawba College	173 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	57 00	\$308 00

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Feb. 2.	By cash paid Publication Board for printing 3,000 copies Minutes of Synod, 1896.....	\$150 00	
Feb. 2.	By cash paid Stated Clerk, postage on Minutes of Synod	5 00	
Mar. 2.	By cash paid expenses of B'd of Trustees of Synod	3 70	
May 15.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, for interest due on the Brechbill Legacy to April 1st, 1897.....	12 00	
May 18.	By cash paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, traveling expenses attending meeting of Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.....	3 24	
May 23.	By cash paid Elder C. G. Gross, Treas., for ½ of assessment for contingent exps. of General Synod	350 00	
May 26.	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, exps. attending meeting Board of Visitors Theo. Sem., Lancaster..	2 66	
May 26.	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, exps. attending meeting of Board of Trustees, Catawba College....	14 50	
May 26.	By cash paid Rev. Eschbach, exps. attending meeting of Board of Visitors Theo. Sem., Lancaster....	3 00	
July 26.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	63 22	
July 26.	By cash paid Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, salary as Stated Clerk	100 00	
Oct. 6.	By cash paid Rev. J. D. Miller, traveling expenses of the Board of Education.....	10 23	
Oct. 8.	By cash paid Rev. J. A. Foil for Catawba College..	28 37	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Elder J. J. Nissley, Treas., as follows:		
	For Chicago Missions	34 50	
	" Hungarian Missions	95 00	
	" Church Building.....	150 91	
	" Harbor Missions	38 50	
	" Work amongst the Germans	51 00	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Rev. J. A. Foil, for Catawba College..	230 00	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Treasurer for Calvin College	51 00	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Elder John B. Roth, Treas., for current expenses of Theological Seminary.....	125 41	
Oct. 19.	By cash paid Geo. N. Forney, salary as Treasurer..	100 00	
Oct. 19.	By balance on hand.....	1,081 83	

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Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the reports of the Treasurers, with accompanying vouchers, and found them correct.

The amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: Home Missions, \$9,700.00; Foreign Missions, \$5,100.00; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$840.00; Work among the Germans, \$840.00; Beneficiary Education, \$4,200.00; Theological Seminary, \$550.00; Calvin College, \$300.00; Catawba College, \$1,000.00; Harbor Missions, \$140.00; Contingent Fund of Synod, \$400.00; and Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$350.00.

These several amounts have been apportioned as follows:

Home Missions:—Maryland Classis, \$2,550.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$1,500.00; Juniata Classis, \$1,500.00; Zion's Classis, \$1,300.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$1,000.00; Carlisle Classis, \$675.00; Virginia Classis, \$675.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$500.00. Making \$9,700.00.

Foreign Missions:—Maryland Classis, \$1,385.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$780.00; Juniata Classis, \$765.00; Zion's Classis, \$650.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$500.00; North Carolina Classis, \$400.00; Carlisle Classis, \$370.00; and Virginia Classis, \$350.00. Total, \$5,100.00.

Hungarian and Bohemian Missions:—Maryland Classis, \$210.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$125.00; Juniata Classis, \$125.00; Zion's Classis, \$100.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; North Carolina Classis, \$60.00; Carlisle Classis, \$60.00; and Virginia Classis, \$60.00. Total, \$840.00.

Work among the Germans:—Maryland Classis, \$250.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$140.00; Juniata Classis, \$140.00; Zion's Classis, \$130.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$90.00; Carlisle Classis, \$50.00, and Virginia Classis \$40.00. Total, \$840.00.

Beneficiary Education:—Maryland Classis, \$976.00; Juniata Classis, \$725.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$600.00; Zion's Classis, \$499.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$450.00; Carlisle Classis, \$350.00; Virginia Classis, \$300.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$300.00. Total, \$4,200.00.

Theological Seminary:—Maryland Classis, \$131.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$86.00; Juniata Classis, \$96.00; Zion's Classis, \$72.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$52.00; North Carolina Classis, \$40.00; Carlisle Classis, \$37.00; and Virginia Classis, \$37.00. Total, \$550.00.

Calvin College:—Maryland Classis, \$74.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$46.00; Juniata Classis, \$45.00; Zion's Classis, \$38.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$29.00; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Carlisle Classis, \$22.00; and Virginia Classis, \$21.00. Total, \$300.00.

Catawba College:—Maryland Classis, \$275.00; Juniata Classis, \$173.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$170.00; Zion's Classis, \$140.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; North Carolina Classis, \$98.00; Virginia Classis, \$76.00; and Carlisle Classis, 68.00. Total, \$1,100.00.

Harbor Missions:—Maryland Classis, \$40.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$25.00; Juniata Classis, \$25.00; Zion's Classis, \$20.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$20.00; Carlisle Classis, \$10.00; and Virginia Classis, \$10.00. Total, \$150.00.

Contingent Fund of Synod:—Maryland Classis, \$102.00; Juniata Classis, \$62.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$60.00; Zion's Classis, \$52.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$36.00; North Carolina Classis, \$35.00; Carlisle Classis, \$27.00; and Virginia Classis, \$26.00. Total, \$400.00.

Contingent Fund of General Synod, (second half apportioned):—Maryland Classis, \$92.00; Juniata Classis, \$57.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$56.00; Zion's Classis, \$46.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$34.00; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Virginia Classis, \$20.00; Carlisle Classis, \$20.00. Total, \$350.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod:—Maryland Classis, \$133.00. (new); Carlisle Classis, \$72.73 (old); Zion's Classis, \$10.03 (old) and \$32.40 (new)= \$42.43; Virginia Classis, \$2.00 (new). Total, \$250.16.

Contingent Fund of General Synod:—Maryland Classis, \$92.00 (new); Zion's Classis, \$46.00 (new); and Carlisle Classis, \$12.29 (old) and \$20.00 (new)= \$32.29. Total, \$170.29.

Chicago Mission Church:—Zion's Classis, \$138.00; and Maryland Classis, \$67.60. Total, \$205.60.

NOTE.—In 1877, the Synod directed the apportionments for Contingent Fund to be paid before August 1st following their apportionment by the Classes; and in case of non-payment by that time, instructed the Treasurer to charge interest on all amounts not paid.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees begs leave to present to your venerable body the following as its annual report:

The Board held a meeting at the residence of Elder Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa., March 2, 1897, at which all the members were present.

The officers of the Board were re-elected, viz: Elder Jacob N. Slagle, President, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Vice-President and Secretary.

The special business before the Board was the question of the bonding of the newly elected Treasurer of Synod, Elder Geo. N. Forney.

After a full discussion of the subject, the Board was unanimous in the opinion that the old plan of bonding, with private individuals as securities, should be abandoned and a bond be secured from a trust company, and also, that, as a bond of \$35,000—the amount fixed by Synod—would involve heavy expense, and one for a smaller amount would afford ample security, the amount should be reduced. The following action was therefore taken, viz:

Resolved, That the Treasurer, Geo. N. Forney, be, and is hereby authorized and instructed to procure from some reliable trust company, on the best terms possible, a bond for \$10,000, extending to Jan. 1st, 1898, and pay the cost of the same out of the treasury; and that this action be reported to Synod at its next annual meeting for ratification.

Your reverend body is therefore hereby respectfully overtured to ratify the above action, and to direct your Board as to the future.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board,
T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*.

The action of the Board reducing the bond of the Treasurer to ten thousand dollars for the present year, was confirmed, with the express understanding that the original amount of bond, \$35,000.00, be hereafter required, the expense of securing the bond to be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the Synod.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Jacob H. Shriver was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years from January 1st, 1898.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder Jacob H. Shriver, for five years; Elder George N. Forney, for four years; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, for three

years; Rev. F. F. Bahner, for two years; and Elder Edgar Slagle, for one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE VII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Sunday-school Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools, having received and examined the report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, the report of the Joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Sunday-school Work, and the Sunday-school statistics of the several Classes of our Synod, referred to us, begs leave to offer the following for your consideration and adoption:

We note with pleasure the fact, that the blessing and favor of the Great Head of the Church has so richly rested upon this particular and important work of the Church; for certainly, no work can be more important than the proper organization, equipment and conduct of the Sunday-school. And that there is great room and need for improvement in all these directions, no one who is familiar with present facts, will deny. Therefore, we commend the work of the General Synod's Secretary and Board, and bespeak for them the hearty coöperation of the several Classes, pastoral charges, congregations and Sunday-schools of the Synod, in the hope that the work so auspiciously begun, may be still further perfected.

In view of all the facts evident from these several reports, we recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we urge all our people loyally to support the missionary and publication work of the Sunday-school Board.

Resolved, That we ask pastors and consistories, through

the Classes, to exercise a careful oversight over the records of the schools, and so far as possible, present complete and accurate statistics to the Classes.

Resolved, That, in view of the urgent calls for Sunday-school literature and Sunday-school missionaries from many sections of the Church, the Classes, congregations and schools be requested to give all the offerings of Children's Day to Sunday-school missions.

Resolved, That all our Sunday-schools be urged to use the Sunday-school literature of our Church, and to adopt the educational feature of the Board's work for teacher-training, home department, and benevolence.

Resolved, That the Sunday-school Board be overtured to give us the lowest price literature consistent with merit and proper typographical appearance.

Resolved, That the Sunday-school Committee of each Classis be directed to encourage and stimulate, through the pastors and consistories, the several schools to missionary giving, and the observance of Children's Day, Christmas and Easter.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES O. NOLL, *Chairman*.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	MEMBERSHIP.					RELATION TO CHURCH.		EDUCATION.			CONTRIBUTIONS.							
	Number of Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average attendance.	No. of months School open.	If Union School, estimated Re-formed enrollment.	Scholars in full membership of the Church.	Baptized Scholars.	Scholars received during the year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the S.S?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per year (not lesson papers)	No. of books in library.	To Sunday-school Work of Gen-eral Board.	To other Church Boards and In-sstitutions.	To other benevolent objects.	To support of the schools.
Zion's	44	543	4903	5446	89	12	1509	472	1269	137	3	11	250	1148	\$ 45	\$ 329	\$ 647	\$1678
Maryland	59	1101	7604	8705	99	11	135	1533	2268	105	24	46	1517	7889	146	904	510	2961
Merc'sb'g	22	364	2353	2717	89	12	23	620	395	111	16	17	513	2117	79	406	36	1055
Virginia ..	28	293	1801	2094														
N. Carol'a	35	327	2462	2789	48	10	384	891	548	67	6	19	293	375	32	117	39	319
Gettysb'g ..	28	404	2969	3363	63	11	760	704	1659	59	7	13	70	2148	309	309	198	927
Carlisle ...	20	261	1936	2197	63	12		663	489	119	16	16	545	801	13	186	107	690
Juniata ...	49	710	3423	4301				1420	1671	310					136	428	246	1408
	285	4069	29451	31311			2808	6303	8299	908	72	122	3198	14478	\$760	\$2679	\$1773	\$9038

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 14 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had three thousand instead of twenty-five hundred copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twenty-fourth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board, of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$150.00, or at the rate of five cents per copy. Although five hundred copies more than the previous year were printed, the cost was \$37.00 less, and the work was done to greater satisfaction. The bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1897.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

BRETHREN: The period embraced in this report covers the initial year of your Board in its management of the publication interests for your sole account and benefit. Starting without debt and unembarassed with accumulations of old stock and doubtful assets, it is gratifying to be able to report that the year's business finds the house in this same enviable condition.

As stated in the last report, the Board ceded to the Sunday-school Board the right to publish all literature pertaining to the Sunday-schools, the consideration being an annual royalty of seven hundred and fifty dollars, besides the payment of one-half the salary of the business manager, one-half the rent and other expenses jointly incurred. These amount annually to about two thousand dollars for each party. During the past year another contract was made with the Sunday-school Board, whereby your Board transferred to it the right to publish and sell Sunday-school hymn-books, supplies and literature not included in the first contract, reserving, however, to your Board, the Catechisms. In consideration of this later grant, you are to receive the annual sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for five years. The amount thus accruing annually from

both contracts is one thousand dollars for five years and thereafter, continuously, the annual sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars. But as these contracts were not closed until some months after the beginning of our fiscal year, the payments that fell due up to June 30, 1897, amounted to three hundred and seventy-five dollars, which were promptly paid and are included in the item of cash receipts. It is proposed in the future to have the royalties paid to the treasurer, and by him remitted to the business manager, should the business require them.

The receipts and expenditures as reported by the manager from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.			
From <i>Messenger</i>	\$7,898.68		
“ <i>Review</i>	430.52		
“ Book Department	7,938.91		
“ J. T. Reber, Treasurer.....	4,200.00	\$20,468.11	

EXPENDITURES.			
For <i>Messenger</i> , including salaries	\$8,192.02		
“ <i>Review</i> , including salaries	477.33		
“ Book Stores (purchases)	7,715.90		
“ Rent, salaries and expenses	2,411.50		
“ Board meetings	102.75	\$18,899.50	

Cash balance on hand \$1,568.61

The inventory of assets and liabilities as made by the Board from statements of June 30, 1897, furnished by the manager, is as follows:

ASSETS.			
Cash on hand	\$1,568.61		
Mdse. on hand	4,000.90		
Book accounts, Book Department..	1,550.79		
“ “ <i>Messenger</i>	3,918.75		
“ “ <i>Review</i>	152.33	\$11,191.38	

LIABILITIES.			
Original purchase money.....	\$2,500 00		
Cash from J. T. Reber, Treasurer....	4,200.00		
Advance subscriptions, <i>Messenger</i>	1,951.60		
Advance subscriptions, <i>Review</i>	181.50		
Bills payable	538.16	\$9,371.26	

Balance, profit and loss..... \$1,820.12

In making this exhibit this Board kept in mind the probable depreciation on the merchandise as well as the possibility of loss on the outstanding book accounts, and made corresponding allowances for these. It also excluded from the assets, the one thousand dollars paid Mrs. Fisher for the almanac and the cost of all fixtures, furniture and plates. It is believed, therefore, that the assets are reported at a minimum cash valuation. In judging the year's results, it would be well to bear

in mind that the *Messenger* has been regularly furnished to those subscribers who had paid their subscriptions to the Fisher estate. These amounted during the year to \$3,541.06 for the *Messenger*, and \$102.25 for the *Review*. These and other claims against said estate are still pending in the Orphans' Court, of Philadelphia, and it is believed will receive final determination before the end of the year.

Of the two periodicals published by your Board, we may say that the *Review* is at present self-supporting. It does not, however, more than pay its own expenses. There is need of a larger subscription-list in order to allow the editor to make further improvements. It will be seen from this, that the effort to increase the number of subscribers has been partially successful. We feel justified in saying that the *Review* is excellent, and should have a larger circle of readers throughout the Church. As new interest is felt, at present in the series now edited by Prof. William Rupp, D.D., we hope that the Synod will heartily recommend this periodical to our pastors and people, and urge them to subscribe for it.

The *Messenger* has been issued regularly throughout the year. It has not only been up to its usual standard, but has shown general improvements in its several departments. Few changes have been made during the year, inasmuch as it was necessary to conduct the paper as economically as possible, in order to have our balance on the right side of the ledger. Notwithstanding the fact, that during the year there were quite a number of very serious obstacles in our way, still the *Messenger* has more than paid its own expenses.

Whilst we have been anxious to increase the number of subscribers to the *Messenger*, we frankly state that up to the present time, this has not been done. But, on the other hand, report that the subscription-list is shorter than last year. The list, as it came into our hands a year ago, was a padded one. A large number of subscribers paid but \$1.00 a year, and when one rate for all subscribers was fixed, many of these dropped out. Many more had not paid their subscriptions for years. The attorney for the Fisher estate very properly set about making collections. At the end of the first year your Board did the same. Through this process, the list was further pruned. The Board intends to continue this yearly collection, and feels justified in doing so. Our present list, though smaller, is on a cash valuation, worth as much, or even more, to the Church than a year ago.

During the coming year we hope to increase the number of readers of the *Messenger*. To do this, we need the co-operation of the pastors and elders of the Church. We are mindful of the obstacles yet in our way; the plea of hard times, other cheaper publications, the fact that any Church paper is

received with indifference by a large number, even of the membership of the Church, and that people must learn to appreciate a Church paper. Their interest increases, with their interest in the Church and the development of their religious life. Bearing this in mind, we again ask the co-operation of the pastors, not for a season only, but year in and year out. We bespeak the same interest and consideration of our work, as is given to Missions and Education.

The Treasurer, Mr. James T. Reber, reported to the Board, as follows:

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1896.					
Sept.	15.	To balance. Cash on hand.....	\$64.61		
Oct.	1.	To cash received for 6 months interest			
		Deeter Mortgage	25.00		
		To cash received for 6 months interest			
		Fisher Mortgage	21.75		
		To cash received for Lydia Fisher Mtge	725.00		
1897.					
Jan.	12.	To cash received for 6 months interest			
		on two mortgages.			
		(\$2,000, from C. M. Boush).....	50.00		
		To cash received for Reading Silk Mill			
		Bonds	1,750.00		
Mar	12.	To cash received for interest on Read-			
		ing Silk Mill Bonds	22.50		
Mar	13.	To cash received for interest on Blosser			
		Judgment	12 00		
Apr.	10.	To cash received for 6 months interest			
		Reading Silk Mill Bonds	250.00		
		To cash received for 6 months interest			
		Deeter Mortgage	25.00		
July	26.	To cash received for 6 months interest			
		on two mortgages.			
		(\$2,000, from C. M. Boush).....	50.00	\$2,995.86	
Sept.	15.	To balance due Treasurer.....	229.14		
					\$3,225.00

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1896.					
Oct.	12.	By cash paid to Rev. C. R. Ferner	\$500.00		
Nov.	2.	“ “ “ “	225.00		
Nov.	9.	“ “ “ “	275.00		
Nov.	14.	“ “ “ “	200.00		
Dec.	1.	“ “ “ “	1,000.00		
1897.					
Apr.	19.	“ “ A. W. Bomberger			
		(Counsel Fee),	25.00		
June	11.	By cash paid to Rev. C. R. Ferner.....	1,000.00	\$3,225.00	

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.

Blosser Judgment	\$200.00
Isaac L. Deeter, mortgage	1,000.00
C. M. Boush, Tr, Massillon mortgage	1,000.00
C. M. Boush, Tr., Youngstown.....	1,000.00
Note: St. Thomas church, Reading ...	1,000.00

1747.

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3. Im 6^{ten} May 1747.

in der un^{ter} Michl. Statter. Kirche
in Philadelphia und Germantown.

des ~~Freiigen~~ Paars in der Reform
Gemeinde allhier auf Canawake auf
Graefen Nordau.

May.

6. John Lus. Englisches Nation und Maria = Elisabeth Jungblut.	Eltern Johannes. geb. 1734. d. 7. März.	Taufzeugen des Paares groß Water Dieterich Jungblut
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7. Michl. Will. von Springen sein auf d. 1. März. Christina Nagel. von Lomen auf d. 2. März.	Eltern geörg. d. 2. Peter 1746.	Taufzeugen Joh. Lehman v sein Frau.
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8. Joh. Heinrich Breutz - Junge un ^{ter} allhier. Wolfschneiderheim auf Hassau. Siegel. Elisabeth Breutz.	Eltern Maria Cath anna geb. d. 2. august. 1746.	Taufzeugen Peter Middelhaupt v sein Frau.
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9. Caspar Klein v. Hornbach auf dem fränk Brühl Susana Spenglerin.	Eltern Johannes. geb. d. 24. v. bris 1746.	Taufzeugen Joh. Schreyer v sein Frau.
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10. Joh. geörg Froschauer von Mecklenheim an d. Harz Catharina. aus adam gng v. Lichtenberg big Landau	Eltern andreas. geb. d. 30. v. bris 1746.	Taufzeugen andreas Schreiber und sein Frau.
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11. Joh. Heinr. Knauff. von Maren auf d. 1. März. Maria Margareth. v. d. h. Middelhauf Tochter.	Eltern Susana geb. d. 1. v. bris 1746.	Taufzeugen Peter Middelhaupt v sein Frau.
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12. Joh. Schreyer aus Frick d. 4. sein auf d. 1. März. Maria Margareth. v. d. h. v. d. h. v. d. h. v. d. h.	Eltern Catharina geb. d. 17. v. bris 1746.	Taufzeugen Joh. Nicolaus Coblenz v sein Frau.
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13. Nicolaus Schreyer im Land des Obigen Catharina. im v. d. h.	Eltern Joh. Adam geb. 1746.	Taufzeugen adam Grener. v. d. h.
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The following paper was referred to us, viz: The report of the Publication Board.

From this report we learn that the affairs of the Board are in a satisfactory financial condition and have been wisely and carefully managed by the Board and its excellent business manager. We learn also that during the past year another contract was made with the Sunday-school Board, whereby the Publication Board transferred to it the right to sell Sunday-school hymn-books, supplies and literature not included in the former contract, and for which additional contract, the Board is to receive \$250.00 annually for five years. We further learn that the "Review" is on a basis of self-support, and that although the subscription-list of the "Messenger" is not as large as before and had to be considerably pruned, is yet on a paying basis and in a better condition than when the Board assumed the management of the publication interests.

In view of the above facts, your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the steady improvement of the "Messenger" and commend it to the hearty patronage of all our people, and that in view of the decrease of the number of subscribers, we most earnestly recommend that the price of this paper be \$1.50 per year, strictly in advance, and that prompt business efforts be put forth to increase its circulation.

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure that the "Reformed Church Review," is steadily improving and on a basis of self-support, and that we most earnestly recommend it to the patronage of the pastors and laity of the Church, in order that it may be still further improved, and more widely circulated, as it deserves to be.

Resolved, That we approve the additional contract made by the Publication Board with the Sunday-school Board for the sale of Sunday-school hymn-books and supplies and literature not included in the former contract.

Resolved, That we most earnestly commend and appreciate the financial success of the publication interests, which has been largely brought about by the untiring efforts and efficiency of the business manager.

Resolved, That we commend all the publications and interests of the Board to the generous patronage of the entire membership of the Church, in order that the religious life and intelligence of the people may be properly developed, and that our publication interests may be greatly enlarged and attain the prosperity which they deserve and which are worthy of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. MOYER, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder S. Hoefflich, for two years; and Elder G. S. Griffith, for one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of the session of Monday afternoon. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. F. W. Bald, B. R. Carnahan, J. B. Stonesifer, and Elder I. K. Little acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Franklin and Marshall College, and Catawba College, Missions, and Trustees of Synod.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

There were placed in our hands the report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, together with the annual report of the Home. From these and the addresses delivered by representatives of Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Home, we learn that these Homes enjoy the blessings of divine favor, and the sympathy and support of our people. There are at present in Bethany Orphan Home, 128 children, with six more who have been admitted and who will enter the Home in a short time. Of this number, 13 are from the Synod of the Potomac, with two more admitted. In St. Paul's Orphan Home, there

are 86 children, of which number 15 are from this Synod. In view of the fact that this work is growing, and in order that it may be successfully carried forward, we anew commend these Homes to the sympathy and generous support of our Classes, pastors, and people; and further that we earnestly ask for larger contributions from our congregations and Sunday-schools.

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, in behalf of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, needs and claims of those Homes respectively.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: I herewith transmit to your venerable body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," for the year closing September 30th, 1897.

Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the Synod, as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Gettysburg Classis	\$130 00
Maryland Classis	119 90
Virginia Classis	72 00
Carlisle Classis	65 00
Juniata Classis	60 00
Mercersburg Classis	57 19
Zion's Classis	51 65
Total	\$555 74

EXPENDITURES.
Paid to ten annuitants \$650.00, or \$94.26 more than received from the different Classes.

We would also call the attention of the Synod to the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home" for aged ministers and their wives, and the widows of ministers, at Myerstown, Pa. The Home is now open and ready to receive such as may need a home. We ask your continued interest in the Society and the work it is doing.

Yours fraternally,
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

MYERSTOWN, PA., September 30th, 1897.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of the financial operations for the year closing September 30th, 1897:

RECEIPTS.	
From balance in treasury from last report.....	\$4,384.31
From collections in the churches	1,573.65
From interest on investments	1,372.99
From matured loan	700.00
From royalty on church hymnal	587.75
For Daniel Stein Memorial Home	372.72
From miscellaneous sources	288.00
From Pittsburgh Synod Special	125.00

Total\$9,404.42

EXPENDITURES.	
By amount invested	\$3,100.00
By amount paid to annuitants	2,500.00
By amount to Daniel Stein Memorial Home.....	539.14
By expenses	543.99
By cash in treasury Sept. 30th, 1897.....	2,721.29

Total\$9,404.42

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Calvin B. Heller, Aaron R. Hottenstine, Jos. H. Hendricks, Daniel U. Wolff, Henry W. Super, D.D., LL.D., Josiah D. Detrich, Henry T. Spangler, D.D., John H. Sechler, D.D., Alfred Houtz, Louis Praikschatiss, D.D., Thomas J. Bower, John N. Naly, John F. Mackley, M.D., Milton M. Noacher, Simon U. Waugaman, John O. Lindaman, Wilson F. More, Alexander Bateman, K. Otis Spessard, Frederick W. Bald, Stephen Schweitzer, Milton H. Sangree, F. J. E. Muehe, S. Sydney Kohler, Calvin H. Schneider, Uriah Weidner, Chas. H. Coon, L. D. Stambaugh, George A. House, Nathaniel Loose, D.D., Jacob Ihle, Geo. E. Limbert, Edward J. Fogel, D.D., John Kuelling, D.D.

Annual Members.—Revs. Rufus W. Miller, David E. Kloppe, D.D., Prof. Frank Grether.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Myerstown, Pa.

With reference to the Memoir of the Society, mentioned in item 9 of the Report on Overtures, the Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That the booklet be commended to the ministers and members of our Church at large, and that they be urged to read it carefully, and to give to the Society their earnest and most liberal support.

The following action was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

Under item 2 of the Report on Overtures, the Synod adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, The Reformed congregation at Napa, California, through its trustees and the Board of Missions, asks this Synod to authorize the sale of its church property, according to the provision of its charter.

Resolved, That the Synod assents to the sale of said property, and hereby instructs the Stated Clerk of Synod to furnish the Board of Missions with a copy of this action.

In response to the request contained in item 8 of the Report on Overtures, the Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That, whilst we as a Synod, fully recognize the evils of intemperance, and heartily sympathize with every movement looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic, we do not deem it proper as a Synod to elect delegates to attend the National Anti-Saloon Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, on January 11th-13th, 1898.

Under item 10 of the Report on Overtures, the Board of Trustees of Wichita University reported to the Synod of the Potomac, that they had disposed of the property of said institution agreeable to the authority of the Synod in the premises.

On Thursday afternoon, the Rev. Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, was given permission to address the Synod, which he did in behalf

of the proper observance of the Sabbath, making a most earnest appeal. The matter was then referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, M. O. Noll, and Elder G. S. Griffith. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom the address of the Rev. Dr. I. W. Hathaway, of New York, General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, was referred, begs leave to report, that we have carefully considered the subject of the proper observance of the Lord's Day, and submit the following for adoption:

WHEREAS, The proper observance of the Lord's Day lies at the foundation of all civil and religious liberty, and conserves the best interests of all men, regardless of position or condition; and,

WHEREAS, We are pained at the growing disregard of the sanctity of the day within our territory, as is apparent from the open and public invitations to engage in its desecration; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby challenge all Christian people to unite with us in the effort to create a better public sentiment on this subject, and by all legitimate means to discourage and prevent the desecration of the Lord's Day.

Resolved, That we request the members of our several pastoral charges, and all others who may be reached through their influence, to discourage Sunday funerals, and all demonstrations that in effect disturb the quiet of the community and the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

Resolved, further, That the Classes are hereby directed to send these resolutions down to each pastoral charge, requesting each pastor to read them to his congregations, accompanying them with a sermon or such remarks as will make them most effective.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

Visit to Mercersburg College.

At the invitation of Dr. Wm. M. Irvine, President of Mercersburg College, and through the kindness of Col. Thos. B. Kennedy, President of the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company, in furnishing a special train, consisting of an engine and four passenger coaches, free of charge, the Synod, on Wednesday afternoon, instead of holding a business session, visited Mercersburg College, leaving Hagerstown at 1:30 o'clock, and getting back shortly after 6 o'clock in the evening.

Upon reaching Mercersburg, the Synod in a body proceeded to the chapel of the College, when appropriate exercises were held, consisting of prayer, vocal and instrumental

music by the students, addresses of welcome by the President of the institution and President of the Board of Regents, response by the President of the Synod, and a couple of voluntary speeches by the members of Synod, closing with doxology and benediction.

Unfortunately, the afternoon was quite inclement, rain falling from the time of leaving Hagerstown until the return of the train, so that the visitors could not see the fine scenery by which Mercersburg is surrounded, in consequence of the fog and lowering clouds.

At a subsequent session of the Synod, the unanimous thanks of the body were tendered to Col. Kennedy for his kindness and courtesy, and also returned to the President, Faculty, and students of the College, for the cordial reception given the members of the Synod.

At the session of Saturday morning the following action was taken:

Greetings to the Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania:

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, in session at Hagerstown, Md., hereby, in the name of Jesus Christ, the one Lord and Head of the Church, sends most cordial Christian greetings to the Synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian Church, convened in Chambersburg, Pa. St. John 17:21.

The following response was received on Monday:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The Synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, in session at Chambersburg, Pa., most cordially returns the fraternal greetings of the Synod of the Potomac, and prays that Grace, Mercy and Peace may be multiplied to it, from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 4:4-6.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the pastor of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held, twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

The Treasurer of Synod was also directed to pay to the Rev. George M. Zacharias one hundred dollars, for services rendered by him, and to be further rendered in his researches in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Coetus and relative facts.

Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary.

Services in commemoration of the life and labors of Rev. Michael Schlatter and the organization of the Coetus, Septem-

ber 29th, 1747, were held on Wednesday evening, as provided for by the Synod last year at Altoona, Pa., and as given in the Report on Religious Services, with the exception that Elder John E. Roller, on account of a severe accident, could not be present and make his address, on "The Reformed Church in Schlatter's day." The Synod expressed its sympathy for him, in his misfortune.

The Synod subsequently adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, The present Synod has derived a special significance from the circumstance of commemorating the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Coetus of the Reformed Church, under the supervision of the pioneer missionary, Michael Schlatter, and it would seem proper that the published minutes of Synod should contain some indication of this special significance; therefore,

Resolved, That there be inserted, by the Stated Clerk, in the published minutes of the Synod: 1. A cut of Michael Schlatter; 2. A reduced facsimile of the introductory page of the Church Register of the Conewago congregation, as recorded in the autograph writing of Mr. Schlatter; 3. A facsimile of the sixteen baptisms recorded in the same volume in the handwriting of Mr. Schlatter; 4. A cut of the flagon and chalice (the former belonging to the congregation at Walkersville, Md., and the latter to the congregation at Winchester, Va., both bearing the date of 1747), which were used at the Synodical communion service on Sunday morning.

Revs. A. T. G. Apple, G. M. Zacharias, and J. B. Shontz were appointed to aid the Stated Clerk to procure the plates from which the cuts can be printed.

In the same connection the following paper was moved and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. George M. Zacharias, a member of this Synod, contemplates making a visit to Holland, and proposes, while there, to investigate documents relating to the early history of the Reformed Church in the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod directs its officers to place in the hands of Rev. Mr. Zacharias, in case of such visit, a paper, under the seal of the Synod, expressing the Synod's approval of his proposed errand, and commending him to the confidence and kindness of the authorities of the Reformed Church of Holland, and to the consideration of the custodians of the historical documents, which he may desire to examine.

Revs. J. O. Miller, H. J. Hillegass, and Elder I. K. Little were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence. Shortly before final adjournment, the committee reported, which was

1747.

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Eckeren.

May.

Andreas Schreiber ^{geb.} } Elisabeth. }
 Halftenborn auf d. Elber. } 21. Janer. }
 ana Maria. selbich Käfer. } 1747. }

Taufzeug
ana Eva Bannertin

Eckeren.

Georg Adam. Koch. } Joh. Adam. }
 von Oberrath auf d. Elber. } 29. März. }
 ana Maria Großkanecke } 1747. }

Taufzeug
Joh. Schauman.
sein frau.

Eckeren

Nicol. Fischer. v. Nebellen } Joh. Nicolay }
 auf d. Georg Brüggen } 15. März. }
 Susana Maria Klee. auf } 1747. }

Taufzeug
Nicol. Klee v. sein frau.
ana Apollonia
Oylerin.

Eckeren

Jac. Klund. v. Cusel. } Maria Eliza }
 v. Georg Brüggen } Beth. }
 Maria Barbara Joh. } 28. März. }
 Nicol. Holl. von Lippel } 1747. }

Taufzeug
ana Maria Hutzin.

Eckeren.

Ludwig Mlemer. v. } Georg Valen- }
 Friedelheim. auf d. Elber. } tin }
 Maria Elisabeth Betslin } 16. Febr. }
 1747. }

Taufzeug
Georg Valentin. Betslin

Eckeren.

Adam Kuntz v. Otter- } Michael }
 berg auf d. Elber. } 8. April. }
 Eva Georg Bröckten. } 1747. }

Taufzeug
Michael Kuntz
sein frau.

Eckeren

Martin Kuntz Müller } Julian }
 von Halkort } Golofen }
 Füllganger Christophel } 22. März. }
 Bommer Vogler } 1747. }

Taufzeug
Anna Eva Benderin
sein altmutter

Georg Postolius } Sigmund }
 sein frau hier geboren } 29. d. }
 Zick Gillingen } Janer }
 boecht d. 16. d. May }

Taufzeug
Jan. A. Zeigau
Machin v. d. Wille
und seiner frau

adopted, and the leave of absence is noted by the letter appended to the names of delegates excused on the roll of delegates present, the letters in their order indicating the session at which they were excused from further attendance.

The McCardell Brothers, publishers, presented to the members of the Synod copies of the J. Gruber's Hagerstown Almanack for the year of our Lord 1898, and received the thanks of the recipients.

Just before final adjournment, the following was moved and adopted:

In view of the fact that a quarter of a century has intervened since the organization of the Synod of the Potomac, and the present is the 25th annual meeting, and also in view of the fact that our venerable Stated Clerk has rendered us faithful and efficient services during these many years; therefore,

Resolved, That a cut of our venerable Stated Clerk be published in the Minutes of Synod for the present year.

NOTE.—It may not be amiss in this connection to mention the following fact, which was not known by the Synod. The Synod's Stated Clerk is the descendant of one of the twenty-seven elders, who were present at the organization of the Coetus of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia, Pa., September 29th, 1747, namely, Elder Kaspar Spengler (Spangler). He was the only elder in attendance from west of the Susquehanna river, or from the present territory of the Synod of the Potomac. He was a member of the congregation at York, York county, Pa. He, with his family, landed at Philadelphia twenty years earlier, September 18th, 1727. He did not tarry long on the settled and peaceful shores of the Delaware, but plunged into the wilderness, and became one of the very earliest permanent settlers west of the Susquehanna.

When the time approached for the organization of the Coetus, as arranged by Schlatter, Elder Spangler started on the long journey through the wilderness from York to Philadelphia, although past sixty-three years of age, to be present at the Coetus, manifesting thereby his confidence in Schlatter's mission and work, as well as his devoted attachment to the Reformed Church. STATED CLERK.

ARTICLE XXII.

Ministerial Necrology.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, having failed to perform its duty, the Synod directed the Stated Clerk to prepare the requisite report, which accordingly is here given:

Two deaths have occurred in the ministry of our Synod since our last annual meeting. This is a small mortality, when compared with that of some of the other Synods.

REV. GEORGE CLINTON ERB.

Mr. Erb was the son of Samuel and Ellen Erb, and was born at or near Union Mills, Carroll county, Md., December 31st, 1862. Baptized in infancy, he grew up under the nurture of a Christian home, and at the proper age attended catechetical instruction under the Rev. W. C. Cremer, then pastor of the Westminster Charge, and was confirmed by him in the Silver Run Church, whilst still a youth. Feeling himself called to engage in the work of the holy ministry, he became a student of Western Maryland College, located at Westminster, Md., not far from which the family resided, and graduated from that institution in June, 1886. In September of the same year, he entered the Junior Class of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and, in May, 1889, he was graduated from that school of the prophets. He was licensed and ordained soon afterwards by the Maryland Classis, under whose supervision he prosecuted his theological studies, and then dismissed to the Iowa Classis, to serve the Wilton Junction Mission. A year or so later, he returned to Maryland, and being without a pastoral charge, he spent a season in teaching public school. May 10th, 1892, he was married to Miss Ariana Lee Norris. In August of the same year, he became the pastor of the McConnellsburg Charge in Fulton county, Pa., and served it for three and a half years nearly. Whilst pastor of this charge, by earnest and indefatigable labor, he succeeded in having the new Reformed Church of McConnellsburg built. In February, 1896, he removed to Orbisonia, and became the pastor of the Orbisonia Charge in Huntingdon county, Pa., where he labored about one year. In this last field of labor, his health began to fail seriously, yet he remained at his post faithful in the discharge of his duty until the advancing stages of his disease compelled him to resign. He then returned home to his parents' residence, near Westminster, Md., as it proved, soon to die. On Friday morning, April 9th, 1897, he fell asleep in Jesus, aged 34 years, 3 months and 10 days.

REV. REUBEN RAHAUSER.

Mr. Rahauser was born in Dover township, York county, Pa., August 18th, 1836, and was baptized in infancy, and in due time was catechised and confirmed in Strayer's or Salem's Church, near Dover, York county, by the Rev. Daniel Ziegler. His opportunities in early life to gain an education were limited. When a young man, just twenty-one years of age, he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Malinda Eurich. When about thirty-three years of age, he felt it to be his duty to prepare for the ministry. He moved with his family to Collegeville to take a limited literary and theological course at Ursinus College. Four years later, he applied to Philadelphia

Classis for license to preach the Gospel. He was examined and licensed, October 20th, 1873. His first field of labor was the Kreutz Creek Charge, in York county, where he was ordained and installed November 27th, 1873. Here he labored about four years, when he accepted a call to the Mount Pleasant Charge in the same county. He served this charge six years, after which he supplied St. Paul's or Ziegler's congregation, in the same county, for about two years. It was at this time, that the stubborn disease, liver trouble, began to root itself, and which became incurable in his case, and disqualified him from the performing of ministerial labors. For thirteen years he patiently bore his trials and severe afflictions, until released from them by death on June 13th, 1897, when he entered into the rest that the Lord has provided for His faithful followers; aged 60 years, 9 months and 26 days.

Respectfully submitted, STATED CLERK.
November 3, 1897.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the pastors, consistories and members of Zion and Christ Reformed Churches of Hagerstown, Md., and other citizens for their generous hospitality extended to us during our present sojourn among them.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be furnished Pastors Kieffer and Snyder, to be read from their pulpits next Lord's Day.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned by the Stated Clerk to the management of the C. V. R. R. and W. M. R. R. for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Woodstock, Shenandoah

county, Va., Tuesday evening, October 25th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 25th, at 9:30 o'clock, with singing a hymn, repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

J. DAVID MILLER, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.			Losses.			Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.	
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Certificate or Repression.	Excommunicat'd	Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Studies for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Jacob O. Miller, D.D.....	Trinity Reformed, York.....	1 395	342 120	24 5	28 10	5 10		6 9	3		\$748 00	\$3012 00	119 S. Duke St., York, Pa.
Aaron Spangler.....	Trinity.....	7 590	467 286	47 3	28 5	2 2		13 6	6		181 00	1117 00	507 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Oliver P. Schellhamer.....	Paradise.....	4 1080	900 630	92 6	22 12	10 2		20 22			630 00	2300 00	413 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.
Aaron H. Liesz.....	Without charge.												Host, Berks Co., Pa.
Morgan A. Peters.....	Zion's Reformed, York.....	1 455	297 200	37 3	31 28	5 5		21 7	12	1	238 00	2050 00	411 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.
Francis C. Yost.....	Heidelberg, York.....	1 456	320 190	17 3	28 26	4 4		14 14			653 00	2529 00	202 E. Market St., York, Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher.....	Kreutz Creek.....	3 371	283 238	24 4	16 7	9 4		27 9	11		264 00	1000 00	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
Gerny Weber.....	Glen Rock.....	3 418	372 201	9 3	15 9			3 3			228 00	1015 00	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.
Hiram J. Hillegass.....	Shrewsbury.....	4 406	342 259	18 14	6 8			1 4	2	1	173 00	2515 00	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
Charles P. Kehl.....	St. John's.....	2 94	81 60		1 18	6 8		3 3	4	1	26 00	475 00	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
William U. Helfrich.....	Dillsburg.....	4 269	159 139	8 7	24 2	2 2		5 4			66 00	739 00	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
H. M. John Klein.....	Grace Reformed, York.....	1 223	200 200	30 5	33 42	9 9		10 3	2	2	891 00	2603 00	N. Hartly St., York, Pa.
Charles P. Kehl, supply.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	2 31	23 46	2 2				1 1			17 00	128 00	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher, supply.....	Locust Grove Cong.....	1 15		4 2	6 9							40 00	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
Total, 12.	13	54 4803	3796 2569	312 36	251 163	63 63		59 88	71	3	\$4115 00	\$19523 00	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.		Members.		Additions.		Losses.			Contributions		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Certified or Confirmed.	Reprobation.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths— Names.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Jos. W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge.	1	655	577	358	35	28	14	6	5	26	16	Mechersburg, Pa.	
Geo. L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge.	2	203	187	90	23	6	8	7	1	175	00	1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.	
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Clearspring.	1	456	370	220	11	17	11	7	12	809	00	Frederick, Md.	
Wm. Goodrich.	Zion, Hagerstown.	1	568	418	333	33	35	17	20	5	809	00	Clearspring, Md.	
J. Spangler Kiefer, D.D.	First Ch., Baltimore.	1	522	333	210	27	15	5	8	5	496	00	229 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown.	
Joel T. Rossiter, D.D.	Middletown.	1	340	272	70	6	12	6	10	1	1779	00	822 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.	
T. Franklin Hoffmeyer.	Third Ch., Baltimore.	1	426	281	234	28	2	34	8	4	1	219	00	Middletown, Md.
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Utica.	3	426	281	234	28	2	34	8	4	1	219	00	3300 00 518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., Md.
Silas M. Hensch.	Without charge.	1	179	135	134	18	1	10	7	1	235	00	Frederick, Md.	
Jacob B. Kerschner.	Without charge.	3	280	211	99	12	29	11	3	8	2	235	00	Emmitsburg, Md.
Louis F. Zinkham.	Trinity, Baltimore.	1	150	125	75	4	1	2	1	1	211	00	Bayview, Baltimore.	
E. Ranson Dearth, B.D.	Mt. Moriah.	1	352	281	167	27	4	17	16	3	238	00	842 3d Ave., Woodberry, Md.	
B. R. Carnahan.	St. Paul's, Westminster.	2	200	186	220	29	29	17	6	3	1	164	00	Keedysville, Md.
Calvin S. Slagle.	Christ, Hagerstown.	1	479	393	492	31	24	16	12	4	3	176	00	Westminster, Md.
George A. Snyder.	Faith, Baltimore.	1	139	105	65	7	3	4	1	1	139	00	Hagerstown, Md.	
Adam S. Weber.	Grace, Washington.	2	213	190	112	9	1	7	4	1	225	00	1275 00 Patterson Park Ave., Balt.	
George A. Whitmore.	Jefferson.	1	122	88	43	7	1	6	1	1	85	00	Thurmont, Md.	
A. Thos. G. Apple.	Boonsboro.	2	176	128	78	4	1	6	1	1	52	00	1405 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.	
Harry F. Dittmar.	St. Stephen's, Baltimore.	1	209	164	152	5	12	11	4	1	195	00	Jefferson, Md.	
George W. Snyder.	Carroll.	3	263	242	110	14	3	13	4	1	200	00	Boonsboro, Md.	
Charles W. Levan.	Glade.	1	163	125	110	14	3	13	4	1	1143	00	2135 00 306 E. 23d St., Balt., Md.	
Hiram J. Macalister.	Christ, Baltimore.	3	245	211	101	12	7	4	3	9	668	00	Westminster, Md.	
Atwill Conner.	Manor.	1	425	359	285	23	29	19	9	10	7485	00	Walkersville, Md.	
Wm. I. Stewart, B.D.	Christ, Baltimore.	3	565	417	231	22	19	3	9	7	123	00	2117 Druid Hill Ave., Balt.	
Isaac M. Motter.	St. Paul's, Baltimore.	3	153	135	68	13	2	8	4	5	1	1900	00	Adamstown, Md.
Lloyd E. Coblenz.	Manches- ter.	3	200	280	150	28	1	14	4	25	1	256	00	304 N. Cary St., Balt., Md.
Samuel M. Roeder.	Burkittsville.	2	232	234	117	20	1	14	3	11	6	1234	00	1234 00 Manchester, Md.
Wm. C. Sykes.	Grace, Taneytown.	1	520	390	319	29	1	23	14	1	69	00	2040 00 Burkittsville, Md.	
Alexander Bateman.	Union Bridge.	3	282	234	117	20	1	14	3	4	177	00	705 00 Union Bridge, Md.	
K. Otis Spessard.	Silver Run.	1	165	155	115	8	1	3	20	6	177	00	775 00 Silver Run, Md.	
Alfred F. Dreispach, Ph.D.	Mt. Pleasant.	1	67	59	58	15	1	13	27	3	373	00	705 00 Silver Run, Md.	
Simon S. Miller.	Grace, Baltimore.	1	150	135	73	4	6	2	9	3	105	00	813 00 Myerstown, Pa.	
Fred. W. Bald.	Ch. of Incarnation, Em'b'g	1	125	110	94	9	1	3	23	2	389	00	117 00 110 W. Ostend St., Balt., Md.	
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.	Sabillasville.	3	356	333	100	2	7	10	9	8	220	00	Emmitsburg, Md.	
Cyrus Cort, D.D.	Cavetown.	1	61	45	29	1					46	00	2040 Park Ave., Balt., Md.	
Samuel H. Dietzel.	Fairview (Braddock).												Sabillasville, Md.	
T. F. Hoffmeyer, supply.	Foreign Missionary.												Frederick, Md.	
Christophorus Noss.	Without charge.												Cavetown, Md.	
Geo. M. Zacharias.	Pres. of Woms. College.												Middletown, Md.	
Jos. H. Apple, Licentiate.														
R. F. Main, Licentiate.														
		62	9436	7670	5179	509	49	450	251	189	143	160	92	
		12	\$3237	00	\$5080	00								

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members.		Additions.			Losses.			Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.	
			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Repression.	Excommunicat'd	Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Stu'dts for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
William M. Deatrick, D.D.	Without charge	2	440	380	155	23	10	3	15	3		\$557 76	\$1300 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob Hassler, D.D.	Without charge													Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.
William C. Cremer, D.D.	Without charge													Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Franklin F. Bahner, D.D.	Waynesboro charge													Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge													Greenville, Franklin Co., Pa.
George B. Russell, D.D.	Without charge													Zuillinger, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jonas B. Shontz	2d Ch., Chambersburg	1	289	253	144	18	7	12	20	2		55 00	1599 40	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Irwin M. Beaver	Grindstonehill charge	2	411	372	163	9	5	6	5	3		291 00	4653 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	1st Ch., Chambersburg	1	378	248	300	4	2	7	3	3	1	1036 82	1730 03	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.
George S. Gill	Without charge													Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Henry N. Bassler	St. Thomas charge	4	283	245	72	14	24	37	6		1	101 50	1350 00	Edinburg, Illinois
Isaac N. Peightel	Greencastle Church	1	300	280	160	8	8	13	15	4	2	275 00	6249 00	St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.
Albert H. Hirschman	Shippensburg Church	1	301	293	90	22	20	16	3	3	3	660 00	1863 00	Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.
Charles A. Santee	Mercersburg charge	2	295	217	112	10	3	11	5	8		1039 00	1604 00	Mercersburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Charles M. Smith	McConnellsburg charge	3	137	123	82	9			21	3		76 00	429 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.
Edward O. Keen	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	232	201	150	2	5	20	14	2		985 00	992 00	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Vacant	Loudon charge*	3	209	195	87	8	6	11	2	8		151 63	601 77	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.
Vacant	Mont Alto charge†	3	95	76	45	2	2	4	2	2	1	67 31	171 50	Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa.
Vacant	Middleburg Church†	1	80	69	65	1	1	7	24	2	1	56 15	225 00	Mason and Dixon, Franklin Co., Pa.
George R. Zacharias	Disabled													Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
John M. North	Disabled Licentiate													Berkely Springs, Morgan Co., W. Va.
William M. Irvine, Ph.D.	Lic. Pres. Mercersb g Col.	26	3450	2952	1625	130	92	170	101	49	18	6 \$5622 00	\$22573 70	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
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*Has called a pastor. †Supplied by a committee.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconformed.			Additions			Losses.			Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.		
				Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofeſſion.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicat'd	Deaths	Studies for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
H. St. J. Rinker.....	Without charge.....	1	351	190	5	2	17	6	270	3	4		\$ 418	11	\$1702	Manertown, Va.	
J. A. Hoffhelms, D.D.....	Martinsburg.....	1	10	11	4			1	1				10 00	40	00	Martinsburg, W. Va.	
J. W. Rauch.....	Falling Waters.....	2	141	55	6	1		1	117	2	1	6	142	500	00	Martinsburg, W. Va.	
George G. Everhart.....	Shepherdstown.....	3	188	66	3			1	125	1		2	60	468	00	Shepherdst'n, W. Va.	
R. Raymond Jones.....	Middle Brook.....	3	22	22	2	4		4	13				30	247	00	Middle Brook, Va.	
Josiah May.....	Without charge.....	1	22	22	2	4		4	13				30	247	00	Hawkiuſtown, Va.	
Lewis Reiter.....	Roanoke.....	1	22	22	2	4		4	13				30	247	00	Roanoke, Va.	
C. B. Heller.....	Mt. Crawford.....	2	173	54	4	2		7	151	2	3		286	1033	00	Mt. Crawford, Va.	
J. B. Stonesifer.....	Wincheſter.....	2	116	109	10	6		2	87			1	81	435	00	Wincheſter, Va.	
S. A. Hiner.....	Without charge.....	2	204	68	11	2	2	2	132	3	6		143	654	00	Edinburg, Va.	
A. B. Bauman.....	Harrisville.....	2	214	147	6	1	1	3	197				334	950	00	Tom's Brook, Va.	
N. H. Skyles.....	Woodſtock.....	2	193	88	6	11	16	1	156				334	950	00	Woodſtock, Va.	
J. Philip Harner.....	Timberville.....	4	176	154	6	3	16	1	131	1	5	142	375	00	Timberville, Va.		
Henry Ditzler.....	Mill Creek.....	4	370	96	2	6	8	7	238	2	1	9	94	629	00	Mt. Jackson, Va.	
A. D. Wolfinger.....	Rockingham.....	4	370	96	2	6	8	7	238	2	1	9	321	978	00	Mt. Crawford, Va.	
J. Silor Garriſon.....	Harrisouburg.....	1	17	16	8	1	1	3	20				19	20	976	Mt. Crawford, Va.	
Lewis T. Lampe.....	Levettſville.....	1	104	68	2	5			90	1	10	5	125	587	00	Harrisouburg, Va.	
Supplied.....	Smithfield.....	1	16	8					10	1			13	81	17	Levettſville, Va.	
Vacant.....	Edinburg.....	3	168	79					121	9			13	81	17	Edinburg, Va.	
Supplied.....	Christ Ch., Wiehle.....	1	15	51	5				9		2		13	81	17	Christ Ch., Wiehle, Va.	
Total, 17.....		33	2478	1296	80	27	82	39	1991	24	15	58	1	\$2220	53	\$906	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.		
		No. Congregations.			Infant Baptisms.			Deaths—			Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.		Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Repression.	Dismissed.	Eradication of Names	Deaths— Communicants.					Deaths— Unconfirmed.
Thomas Long.....	Without charge.....	2	194	144	114	3	14	13	6	1	\$ 26 00	\$ 135 00	Salem, N. C.		
Jesse W. Cecil.....	Without charge.....	3	243	230	123	13	3	15	4	2	142 00	1054 00	Thomasville, N. C.		
John Ingle.....	Without charge.....	4	457	320	125	17	30	18	2	2	198 00	447 00	Green Park, N. C.		
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.....	Pres. Catawba Col.....	1	162	158	173	18	2	2	9	16	1	61 00	363 00	Newton, N. C.	
P. M. Trexler, D.D.....	Prof. in Catawba Col.....	1	164	124	85	13	2	14	1	2	199 00	1067 00	Newton, N. C.		
Michael L. Hedrick.....	Without charge.....	4	446	404	53	7	2	10	34	2	133 00	883 00	Silver Hill, N. C.		
John A. Foll, Ph.D.....	Prof. in Catawba Col.....	4	162	127	60	8	18	5	4	9	68 00	328 00	Newton, N. C.		
Paul Earringer.....	New Gilead.....	5	340	273	128	24	11	40	7	8	72 00	255 00	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.		
Joseph L. Murphy.....	Hickory.....	4	63	42	40	1	2	4	2	1	30 00	600 00	Hickory, N. C.		
Jacob C. Leonard.....	Upper Davidson.....	2	209	203	115	12	2	19	5	4	83 00	605 00	Lexington, N. C.		
J. M. Luther Lyerly.....	Central Rowan.....	3	176	125	39	8	6	9	3	4	58 00	257 00	Faith, N. C.		
Vacant.....	Newton.....	1	14	14	14	8	7	5	9	2	5 00	596 00	Newton, N. C.		
James D. Andrew.....	Gaillard.....	1	14	14	14	8	7	5	9	2	90 00	470 00	Danville, N. C.		
Julius H. Shuford.....	Without charge.....	4	294	260	203	13	11	4	9	4	309 00	363 00	Middlebrook, Va.		
H. A. M. Holshouser.....	Catawba.....	2	320	249	203	13	11	4	9	4	7 00	24 00	Lexington, N. C.		
William H. McNairy.....	Lower Davidson.....	1	31	25	40	2					9 00	19 00	Rockwell, N. C.		
B. Frank Davis.....	Concord.....	1	14	14	14	8	7	5	9	2			Rockwell, N. C.		
A. Shulenberger.....	West Rowan.....	1	14	14	14	8	7	5	9	2			Concord, N. C.		
Clarence Clapp.....	Thomasville.....	1	14	14	14	8	7	5	9	2			China Grove, N. C.		
W. H. Subblebine.....	Sallsbury.....	1	14	14	14	8	7	5	9	2			China Grove, N. C.		
Theodore C. Hesson.....	Lincoln charge.....	2	320	249	203	13	11	4	9	4			Thomasville, N. C.		
Vacant.....	East Rowan.....	1	31	25	40	2							Sallsbury, N. C.		
J. L. Murphy, supply.....	Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1	25	8	10								Malden, N. C.		
J. D. Andrew, supply.....	Burlington Mission.....	1	25	8	10								Rockwell, N. C.		
J. D. Andrew, supply.....	Fairview Mission.....	1	8										Blowing Rock, N. C.		
Total, 20.....		43	3317	2710	1421	146	39	177	83	40	102	8	\$1490 00	\$7346 00	Burlington, N. C.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.				Additions.				Contributions				P. O. ADDRESS.			
		No. Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.		Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
William K. Zieber, D.D.....	Without charge.....	2	380	360	350	12	1	21	15	4		4	4	1	\$ 300 00	\$ 1225 00	Hanover, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D.....	Prof. in Sem., Lan., Pa.....	4	700	660	450	37	2	20	6	2	3	3	7	1	181 00	5278 00	444 W. James St., Lanc., Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.....	Gettysburg.....	3	800	700	600	60	1	40	4	12	6	15	5	2	240 00	1425 00	Gettysburg, Pa.
John H. Hartman.....	Lisachy s.....																Codorus, Pa.
Franklin A. Guth.....	Jefferson.....	3	725	665	475	44	2	50	13	4		9	6	2	334 00	4200 00	Littlestown, Pa.
Walter E. Krebs.....	Without charge.....	1	416	345	194	14	1	6	7	1		7	3	1	1100 00	1871 00	Littlestown, Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman.....	Christ Church.....	1	310	265	157	12		6	9	5		6	2	2	282 00	1450 00	Littlestown, Pa.
Geo. B. Besser.....	Emmanuel.....	2	230	170	95	17			4			4	2		55 00	365 00	Hanover, Pa.
Geo. P. Stern.....	Littlestown.....																McKnightstown, Pa.
Edward D. Miller.....	West Manheim.....	3	351	284	202	13	1	7	3	4		5	4		133 00	720 00	Fairfield, Pa.
J. Marion Mickle.....	Without charge.....																Littlestown, Pa.
John F. Mackley, M.D.....	Casstown.....	3	570	515	440	28	5	23	22	6	4	11			288 00	1311 00	New Oxford, Pa.
Wm. D. Lefevre.....	Without charge.....	8	570	515	440	28	5	23	22	6	4	11			288 00	1311 00	New Oxford, Pa.
Peter E. Helmer.....	Abbottstown.....	2	460	406	338	16	2	15	11	8		6	5	1	365 00	879 00	Arendtsville, Pa.
Milton M. Noacher.....	Arendtsville.....	2	460	406	338	16	2	15	11	8		6	5	1	365 00	879 00	Arendtsville, Pa.
Marsby J. Roth.....	Trinity.....	1	510	441	360	41	1	32	24	2	2	6	8	3	89 00	373 00	Hanover, Pa.
Paul M. Spangler.....	East Berlin.....	4	311	255	110	4			1	4		7	3		53 00	945 00	East Berlin, Pa.
Lic. Wm. A. Kline.....	Collegeville.....	29	5763	5126	3771	298	16	220	119	52	11	80	60	13	\$3480 00	\$23492 00	Collegeville, Pa.

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CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Additions.			Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Deaths—Members.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		P. O. ADDRESS.
					Infant Baptism.	Adult Baptism.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofeſſion.						Benevolent Purpoſes.	Congregational Purpoſes.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrich, D.D.....	Duncannon.....	1	70	40	6	2	3	5	70	4	2	1	2	\$ 80 00	\$ 250 00	New Bloomfield, Pa.
J. David Miller.....	New Bloomfield.....	3	197	88	11	1	2	6	150	2	2	1	2	281 40	708 41	Duncannon, Pa.
Wm. H. Groh.....	Sulphur Springs.....	4	200	90	7	2	2	2	166	2	5	1	1	168 65	678 00	Carlisle, Pa.
George A. House.....	Landisburg.....	4	403	183	7	1	17	3	329	7	12	4	4	392 00	1241 00	Landisburg, Pa.
Miles O. Noll.....	Carlisle.....	1	344	100	14	3	17	21	320	8	10	6	3	400 00	3000 00	Carlisle, Pa.
Titus C. Strock.....	Zion's.....	4	544	273	22	15	75	22	491	13	8	4	3	282 85	1027 00	Blain, Pa.
Henry H. Ranck.....	Mechanicsburg.....	1	247	106	1	19	14	10	195	9	19	3	1	236 65	849 40	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
James M. Mullan.....	Newburg.....	1	146	80	4	1	3	3	110	1	1	1	1	70 40	705 45	Newburg, Pa.
Solomon B. Schafer.....	Newport.....	2	300	128	23	7	20	5	283	3	8	4		228 00	2880 00	Newport, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender, D.D....	Without charge.....															Martinsburg, Pa.
Samuel P. Stauffer.....	Sec. Bd. Foreign Mis.....															Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Ministers, 12.	Without charge.....	42	2451	1008	95	41	153	77	2119	62	43	17	6	\$2139 95	\$11334 28	York, Pa.
	Charges, 9.															

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.		Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.		
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprosession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Studies for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
F. R. Rupley, D.D.	Without charge.	3	353	303	118	9	1	9	11	8			\$ 239 00	\$ 803 00	Martinsburg, Pa.	
W. A. Long, Ph.D.	Hickory Bottom.	2	311	234	169	16	2	14	9	11			264 00	680 00	Martinsburg, Pa.	
John W. Pontius.	Martinsburg.	3	290	226	156	8	1	8	5	4			191 00	614 00	Cessna, Pa.	
S. Charles Stover.	Dunning's Creek.	1	564	473	262	26	1	19	24	8			609 00	2124 00	Altosna, Pa.	
John F. Moyer.	Christ, Altoona.	4	437	390	552	40	4	11	4	1			326 00	950 00	Claysburg, Pa.	
Simon U. Waughman.	Greenfield.	3	229	201	149	14	3	7	1				136 00	475 00	Schellsburg, Pa.	
Daniel G. Hetrick.	Schellsburg.	3	194	178	77	19.	4	20	8	12			84 00	700 00	Loydsburg, Pa.	
Edward W. Stonebraker.	Yellow Creek.														Collegeville, Pa.	
Harry E. Jones.	Without charge.	2	144	128	105	2	2	3	6	2			127 00	485 00	Saxton, Pa.	
Wm. H. Landis.	Saxon.	2	157	136	98	16	11		6				191 00	1227 00	Everett, Pa.	
Eugene L. McLean.	Everett.	3	387	324	285	11	3	26	4	5			212 00	694 00	Mann's Choice, Pa.	
Homer S. May.	Sulphur Springs.	1	340	286	170	23	18	22	7				290 00	2051 00	Altosna, Pa.	
Lewis C. Harnish.	Trinity, Altoona.	3	125	102	27	6	2	6	1				142 00	860 00	Clearville, Pa.	
Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.	Clear Ridge.	3	451	390	197	11	1	26	10	16			615 00	1468 00	Alexandria, Pa.	
Charles H. Slinghoff.	Water Street.	3	362	335	140	12	7	20	14	12			505 00	795 00	McConnellstown, Pa.	
Charles E. Cretz.	McConnellstown.	1	286	249	100	3	3	7	11	11			630 00	1263 00	Huntingdon, Pa.	
Irwin W. Hendricks.	Huntingdon.	3	160	130	80	4	10	2	10	2			223 00	1380 00	Bedford, Pa.	
T. K. Cromer.	Bedford.	3	342	290	169	12	6	8	4				330 00	818 00	St. Clairsville, Pa.	
*Ambrose C. Geary.	St. Clairsville.	3	70	55	45	4	2	1	1	1			40 00	300 00	Petersburg, Pa.	
Vacant.	Orbisonia Charge.	3	277	234	159	1	2	17	5	2			183 00	677 00	Charlesville, Pa.	
Edward F. Wiest.	Friend's Cove.	3	403	384	172	30	33	58	25	5			231 00	776 00	James Creek, Pa.	
21.	Woodcock Valley.	50	6082	5548	3230	267	66	234	177	125	117	86	7	\$5618 00	\$19155 00	

*Supply.

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. of Congregations.			Members.			Additions.			Losses.					Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptism.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicat'd	Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.					
J. G. Schmidt.....	Astoria.....	1	30	28	25	9										\$ 100 00			Astoria, Oregon.	
J. Muehlhaupt.....	Salem and Scio.....	2	60	44	65	2											\$ 5 00	363 60	Salem, Oregon.	
G. Hafner.....	First Ger. Ref'd.....	1	101	80	50	24	17	5	6	1	2						133 00	1064 00	Portland, Oregon.	
H. Liesman.....	Meridian.....	1	79	45	48	1	7	4			1						40 87	477 56	Stafford, Oregon.	
Theodore Wartmann.....	West Union.....	1																	East Portland, Ore.	
E.		6	270	197	188	37	24	11	6	1	4						\$ 178 87	\$2005 16		

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